

6C Modifiers

We use modifiers with adjectives to make them stronger or weaker.



It's really/very big.



It's pretty big.



It's not very big.



It's not big at all.

We use *really* and *very* to make an adjective stronger.

The city is really big.

The market is very busy on Saturdays.

We use *pretty* and *not very* to make an adjective weaker. If we use *pretty*, the adjective has the same meaning, but is weaker. If we use *not very*, the adjective has the opposite meaning.

The bridge is pretty old.

The apartment's not very old. = The apartment is pretty new.

We use *not* + adjective + *at all* to give a strong opposite meaning to an adjective.

The beach isn't crowded at all. = The beach is very empty.

The restaurant's not expensive at all. = The restaurant is very cheap.

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modifier + adjective

modifier + adjective + (singular) noun

The house is **really/very beautiful**.

It's a **really/very beautiful** house.

The house is **pretty beautiful**.

It's a **pretty beautiful** house.

The house **isn't very beautiful**.

It's **not** a **very beautiful** house.

The house **isn't beautiful at all**.

It's **not** a **beautiful** house **at all**.

1 Rewrite the sentences. Put the modifier in parentheses in the correct place.

1 The beach is busy today. (very)

2 The stadium is full at the moment. (not very)

3 You can buy beautiful presents at the market. (really)

4 This is an old apartment building. (pretty)

5 This café is expensive. (not ... at all)

6 I'm reading an interesting book right now. (pretty)

2 Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.

1 a / bathroom / there / large / is / pretty

2 a / skyscraper / I / in / very / tall / work

3 I / street / on / a / live / quiet / pretty

4 clothes / are / these / very / expensive

5 sister / at / isn't / my / busy / all

6 food / good / the / isn't / very
