

## 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**

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

The house is **pretty beautiful**.

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

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

**modifier + adjective + (singular) noun**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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4 clothes / are / these / very / expensive

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

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

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