

Quite Rather

Quite and Rather are adverbs of degree.

Quite goes before a/an:

She is quite a pretty woman

We use quite before adjectives such as horrible, dreadful, ridiculous, brilliant, perfect, amazing, extraordinary, useless, impossible, right, true, sure, exhausted, certain, false, wrong, alone, different, etc. meaning "completely\ totally"

The idea was quite extraordinary. (totally extraordinary)

We usually use quite in favourable comments meaning "less than very". This watch is quite cheap. (It's not very cheap)

Ми зазвичай вживаємо "quite" у схвальних коментарях у значенні "менш ніж very". Цей годинник – досить дешевий. (Тобто не дуже дешевий, але дешевший, ніж середній – помірно дешевий).

Quite Rather

Rather goes before or after a\an

I'm afraid it is **rather** a **boring story**.

I'm afraid it is a **rather boring story**.

Those clothes are rather old.

We usually use
rather in
unfavourable
comments.

We can also use rather in favourable comments when it means “to an unusual degree” I **didn't know Peter could cook.**
The meal was rather good. (better than we expected)

Rather can be used with comparative forms. **The second exercise was rather more difficult than the first.**

Ми зазвичай вживаємо "rather" у несхвальних коментарях.

Ми також можемо використовувати "rather" у схвальних коментарях, коли маємо на увазі "в незвично великому ступені".

Я не знов, що Пітер уміє готувати. Страва була доволі смачна (краща, ніж ми очікували).

"Rather" також можна використовувати з формами вищого ступеня прикметників.

Друга вправа була дещо складніша, ніж перша.

1) The film was ____ boring. I almost fell asleep.

- a) quite
- b) rather

2) I'm ____ tired, but I can still help you.

- a) rather
- b) quite

3) This jacket is ____ nice. I might buy it.

- a) quite
- b) rather

4) The exam was ____ more difficult than we expected.

- a) quite
- b) rather

5) The service at the restaurant was ____ slow.

- a) rather
- b) quite

6) I thought the hotel would be terrible, but it was ____ good.

- a) rather
- b) quite

7) He's ____ a good teacher. The students like him a lot.

- a) quite
- b) rather

8) That was ____ an interesting question. I hadn't thought of it that way.

- a) rather
- b) quite