

Activity Type

Vocabulary Game:
sentence completion (pair
work)

Focus

Adverbs of degree

Aim

To race to complete
sentences with suitable
adverbs of degree.

Preparation

Make one copy of the two
worksheets for each pair
of students.

Level

Upper-intermediate (B2)

Time

20 minutes

Introduction

In this adverbs of degree game, pairs of students race each other to complete sentences with suitable adverbs of degree.

Procedure

Divide the students into pairs (Student A and B).

Give each student a corresponding worksheet.

Tell the students not to show their worksheet to their partner.

Explain that each pair of students is going to race against another pair to complete sentences with adverbs of degree.

Match competing pairs together.

Students then take it in turns to read out sentences to their partner who chooses a suitable adverb of degree from the bottom of their worksheet to complete each sentence.

The student who read the sentence then writes the adverb of degree down in the space provided.

Students continue taking it in turns reading out sentences until they are all complete.

The first pair to correctly complete all the sentences wins.

Afterwards, check the answers as a class.

Answer key

Student A

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|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. so | 6. highly | 11. perfectly |
| 2. almost | 7. completely | 12. deeply |
| 3. hardly | 8. fairly | 13. entirely |
| 4. too | 9. enough | 14. fully |
| 5. absolutely | 10. strongly | |

Student B

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|---------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1. so | 6. enough | 11. quite |
| 2. just | 7. nearly | 12. highly |
| 3. absolutely | 8. slightly | 13. thoroughly |
| 4. very | 9. widely | 14. more |
| 5. barely | 10. too | |

As an extension, pairs think of and write down other possible adverbs of degree that can complete each sentence.

Student A

Take it in turns to read the sentences below to your partner who chooses a suitable adverb of degree from the bottom of their worksheet to complete each sentence. Write the adverb of degree in the space provided.

1. If you didn't walk slowly, we would get there much faster.
2. I'm ready. I just need to brush my teeth.
3. He sleeps. It's not surprising that he's always tired.
4. It was hot to play football, so we went swimming instead.
5. I'm starving! When's lunch?
6. He's a respected scientist. I'm sure you must have heard of him.
7. I'm exhausted from the trek. I need to lie down.
8. I'm sure that's the answer, but you should probably ask someone else.
9. You don't exercise That's why you're so unfit.
10. I suggest you consult a lawyer about this matter.
11. I understand well why he left his job. The pay was terrible.
12. They were in love. I've never met such a happy couple.
13. The house is made of recycled materials. It's amazing!
14. The battery should be charged so you can use it straight away.



barely	too	thoroughly	quite	just	enough	very
widely	more	nearly	highly	so	slightly	absolutely

Student B

Take it in turns to read the sentences below to your partner who chooses a suitable adverb of degree from the bottom of their worksheet to complete each sentence. Write the adverb of degree in the space provided.

1. I was tired that I nearly fell asleep in class.
2. I need to make a quick phone call. Then we can go.
3. This fish is disgusting! I simply can't eat it
4. Thanks so much. That was kind of you.
5. You've touched your dinner. Is it okay?
6. He doesn't study That's why is grades are so bad.
7. We were late for school. Luckily, we got there just in time
8. He is older than me. His birthday is in April. Mine is in May.
9. He is a known author. I've been reading his books for years.
10. Maria was driving fast. That's why the police stopped her.
11. I'm sure that's how you spell it, but check the dictionary to be sure.
12. Even though he is qualified, he hasn't got a lot of experience.
13. Make sure you wash your hands after touching those worms.
14. The second exam was difficult than the first.



enough	too	highly	fully	perfectly	completely	almost
deeply	fairly	hardly	so	entirely	strongly	absolutely