

To: Parents and teachers of Grade 4 - 6 learners

Topic: Adverbs of degree

Message Objectives: To help learners:

- understand what adverbs of degree
- know how to use adverbs of degree

Message:

Adverbs of degree are used to express 'how much' (or to what extent) we do something. Common adverbs of degree include: **very, slightly, quite, totally, fairly, absolutely and extremely**. They always appear before the adjective, verb, or other adverb they describe.

We use adverbs of degree to **qualify** what we are talking about (e.g. I'm **really** happy / I'm **quite** happy / I'm **not very** happy)

Adverbs of degree can be split into two groups: adverbs that **intensify** the degree of something and adverbs that **weaken** the degree of something.

Adverbs that increase, or intensify, the meaning include words such as: *very, totally, completely, and absolutely* (e.g. *I'm **totally** convinced Sam will quit his job.*)

Adverbs that decrease or weaken the degree of meaning include words such as: *fairly, quite, slightly, and a bit*. (e.g. *I'm **a bit** late*)

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Reference:

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