

Adverb + Adjective Collocations

Activity Sheet (page 1/2)

Collocations are two or more words that often go together. They can be made up of different types of words. This worksheet looks at common Adverb + Adjective Collocations.

A. Here are five adverbs that are commonly collocated with adjectives. Complete the Adverb + Adjective Collocation in each sentence by adding one of the following adjectives.

highly painfully absolutely deeply ridiculously

1. Please don't disturb me unless it's necessary. I must get this report done.
2. She was offended by his remark and didn't speak to him for the rest of the day.
3. It is unlikely that he'll get the job. He has no qualifications.
4. After his illness, James was thin and looked very pale.
5. I woke up early this morning as I had to catch a 6 a.m. flight.
6. It's a controversial topic. I'd avoid it if I were you.
7. We were all concerned when we heard that he was drinking again.
8. The test was easy. Everybody passed.
9. Isabel is shy and finds social situations very difficult.
10. When Mum found out that I'd failed my exams, she was furious.

B. Match the adverbs on the left with a suitable adjective on the right to create some other common Adverb + Adjective Collocations.

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| 1. happily | a. injured |
| 2. bitterly | b. priced |
| 3. badly | c. aware |
| 4. politically | d. cold |
| 5. pretty | e. correct |
| 6. scared | f. married |
| 7. reasonably | g. good |
| 8. fully | h. familiar |
| 9. vaguely | i. available |
| 10. widely | j. stiff |

C. Complete the Adverb + Adjective Collocations in the sentences below using a suitable adjective.

1. Many of the words he used were not politically
2. Although she looked vaguely, I simply couldn't remember who she was.
3. I was a painfully child and was afraid to talk to anyone I didn't know.
4. Jeffrey was badly in a motor bike accident last week.
5. We eat there quite often as the dishes are tasty and quite reasonably
6. I was deeply by the worrying news he'd just told me.
7. Although some of the exam questions were ridiculously, others were quite hard.
8. They're widely in most supermarkets, so they shouldn't be hard to find.
9. Although I was fully of the risks, I decided to go ahead with the surgery.
10. She doesn't have much of an appetite these days, so she's painfully

D. Complete the conversation questions using Adverb + Adjective Collocations, then ask them to a partner.

1. When did you last have to get up? What was the reason?
2. When was the last time you were? Why were you so afraid?
3. What was the last thing that made you? Are you still angry about it?
4. Have you ever been by something someone said? If so, what was it?
5. How many couples do you know that are? What is their secret?

E. With a partner, complete the prompts using the words provided. Afterwards, chat and see if you can think of two words for each prompt, writing them in the space below.

highly bitterly good absolutely unlikely

1. Write down two things you should wear when it's cold outside.
2. Write down two foods that taste pretty when eaten together.
3. Write down two things that it is necessary to take with you on a camping trip.
4. Write down two places that you are highly to visit in your lifetime.
5. Write down two topics that are controversial and shouldn't be discussed in a lesson.

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