

# Adverb + Adjective Collocations

## Teacher's Notes

**Description:** Whilst knowing which words sound right together may seem *ridiculously easy* for native speakers blessed with the innate ability to collocate, this is *highly unlikely* to be the case for the average English learner! The written and communicative exercises in this activity sheet help to familiarise students with some of the more common Adverb + Adjective Collocations, offering them fun and varied practice, both alone and with a partner.

**Aim:** To practise Adverb + Adjective Collocations through a series of written and communicative exercises.

**Procedure:** Give each student a copy of the two-page activity sheet.

**Exercise A:** Students begin completing the Adverb + Adjective Collocations in each sentence by adding the correct adverb. They then talk with a partner to see if they can think of any other adjectives often used with these adverbs.

answer key:

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|---------------|-----------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 1. absolutely | 2. deeply | 3. highly       | 4. painfully | 5. ridiculously |
| 6. highly     | 7. deeply | 8. ridiculously | 9. painfully | 10. absolutely  |

**Exercise B:** Next, students match the adverbs on the left with the correct adjectives on the right.

answer key:

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|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| 1. f | 2. d | 3. a | 4. e | 5. g | 6. j | 7. b | 8. c | 9. h | 10. i |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|

**Exercise C:** Students then complete the Adverb + Adjective Collocations in each sentence by adding a suitable adjective.

answer key:

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|--------------|-------------|--------------|------------|-----------|
| 1. correct   | 2. familiar | 3. shy       | 4. injured | 5. priced |
| 6. concerned | 7. easy     | 8. available | 9. aware   | 10. thin  |

**Exercise D:** Following this, students use suitable Adverb + Adjective Collocations to complete the questions. Once they've done this, they work with their partner and ask each other the questions.

answer key:

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|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. ridiculously early | 2. scared stiff | 3. absolutely furious | 4. deeply offended |
| 5. happily married    |                 |                       |                    |

**Exercise E:** Lastly, students work with their partner to complete the list of prompts, using the the words provided. Once they've done this, they chat and try and think of two things for each prompt.

answer key:

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|-------------|---------|---------------|-------------|-----------|
| 1. bitterly | 2. good | 3. absolutely | 4. unlikely | 5. highly |
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