

## Grammar L2GLO7

### Intensifiers

Learning Outcome 7: Basic intensifiers (*really, very, so, quite, a bit*)

#### NOTICING A Read the sentences. Answer the questions below.

1. I really like playing word games.
2. The movie was a bit boring, but I didn't want to stop watching it.
3. This cake is really delicious. I love it.
4. Those shoes are so expensive! Who has enough money to buy them?
5. We were very tired after our long trip.
6. I find math quite difficult, but I can do it.

Which underlined word(s) ...

- a. make an adjective stronger? \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_
- b. adds the meaning of "a little" to an adjective? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. adds the meaning of "not a little, and not a lot" to an adjective? \_\_\_\_\_
- d. can also go before a verb? \_\_\_\_\_

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*So, very, really, quite* and *a bit* are words that add meaning to other words. You use them before adjectives. *Really* can also go before verbs, too (e.g. *really like, really hate*).

**So** adds the strongest meaning to an adjective.

**Very** adds a strong meaning to an adjective.

**Really** adds a strong meaning to an adjective or a verb.

**Quite** adds the meaning of "not a little, and not a lot" to an adjective.

**A bit** adds the meaning of "a little" to an adjective. You only use it with adjectives with a negative meaning (e.g. *a bit boring*).

