

## 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? \_\_\_\_\_

#### Intensifiers

*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*).

**B Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.**

1. I (very / really) enjoy listening to classical music.
2. Your dress is (so / a bit) beautiful! You look like a princess.
3. The taxi was (really / quite) expensive, but it didn't cost too much.
4. My brother spends a lot of time taking photos and he's (really / a bit) good at it now.
5. This train is (very / a bit) fast. It can travel at 280 kilometers an hour.
6. My bedroom is (very / quite) small, but there's enough space for my furniture and all my things.
7. It was (a bit / very) cold at night, but we didn't need to put more clothes on.

**C Choose and note down the things below. Then think of some adjectives you can use to describe these things and add them to your notes. Think about how to use *so*, *very*, *really*, *quite* and *a bit* with the adjectives.**

1. some clothes that you like
2. a movie that you don't like
3. something that you're good at
4. something in your city that's small or big
5. a person you think is beautiful

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**D Work in pairs. Use your notes from exercise C to tell your partner about the things and people you chose. Do not tell him/her what or who they are. Can he/she guess?**