

GRAMMAR DRILL

INTENSIFIERS (NEGATIVE)

NAME: _____

1 Find and circle eight intensifiers.

a s f a g bitterly h g k dangerously
 j o o y h y d ever again m w j f o p w
at all a m o f y c a n fairly j u a l n v y r
 j h h f i o seriously n o s d h g a very
 o l o j o y dreadfully a f m l f m

2 Write P (Positive) or N (Negative) depending on the intensifier.

1 The music video was extraordinarily popular.

P

2 The class' grades were dreadfully low. N

3 He was seriously injured in the car accident.

N

4 I'm not interested in horror movies at all. N

5 The lady was really offended by the waiter's attitude. N

6 Our project was totally successful. P

7 I was bitterly surprised by the news. N

3 Underline the correct option.

1 Jackie's new teacher has an awfully / ever again boring way of teaching the class.

2 Oliver didn't like the cake seriously / at all.

3 The cars stopped ever again / dreadfully close to one another.

4 They were bitterly / at all disappointed by the governor's decision.

5 I won't come to this restaurant ever again / at all.

6 Sharks have dangerously / bitterly big teeth.

7 He takes the critics' opinions seriously / dreadfully.

4 Check (✓) the sentences that are correct.

- 1 It was at all a very unpleasant experience.
- 2 I really was never able to knit.
- 3 Manuel seriously hurt his brother's feelings.
- 4 The hikers were dangerously close to the edge of the cliff.
- 5 He wept bitterly over his grandfather's death.
- 6 I have never been so angry in my life.
- 7 The electric storm was close seriously.

5 Complete the sentences with the phrases from the box.

terribly hot	bitterly sad	dreadfully sick
at all	seriously bad	awfully cold
extremely dangerous		

- 1 I was seriously bad at sports but amazingly good at arts.
- 2 She was bitterly sad because her dog was sick.
- 3 Carlos and Diego were dreadfully sick. They had chickenpox.
- 4 They didn't want to be part of the dance festival at all.
- 5 The forecast says it will be terribly hot. We must wear light clothes and sunscreen.
- 6 Blizzards are extremely dangerous. People can slip on the icy sidewalks and break a bone.
- 7 The weather is never good outside. I don't want to go out.

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6 Complete the paragraph with negative intensifiers.

Suggested answers:

Last week, the weather forecast on the news was

not good 1) at all. It predicted

2) really strong winds and hard rain.

It warned people to stay at home because these rains and winds were caused by an approaching hurricane. Three days later the hurricane hit the city.

The first day the winds were 3) extremely

severe and it rained all day. At night the weather

changed from 4) slightly rainy to a

humid cold that made your bones ache. We couldn't

warm up. We were also 5) dreadfully

scared by the sound of the wind. The weather

has never been so bad. Fortunately, the hurricane

passed quickly. We hope not to experience s

anything similar 6) ever again!

7 Write seven sentences with the intensifiers provided.

1 ever again

Students' own answers.

2 at all

Students' own answers.

3 dreadfully

Students' own answers.

4 dangerously

Students' own answers.

5 seriously

Students' own answers.

6 bitterly

Students' own answers.

7 so

Students' own answers.

8 Write a weather forecast using seven negative intensifiers.

1 Students' own answers.

2 Students' own answers.

3 Students' own answers.

4 Students' own answers.

5 Students' own answers.

6 Students' own answers.

7 Students' own answers.