

GRAMMAR DRILL

INTENSIFIERS (NEGATIVE)

NAME: _____

1 Find and circle eight intensifiers.

a s f a g b i t t e r l y h g k d a n g e r o u s l y
 j o o y h y d e v e r a g a i n m w j f o p w
 a t a l l a m o f y c a n f a i r l y j u a l n v y r
 j h h f i o s e r i o u s l y n o s d h g a v e r y
 o l o j o y d r e a d f u l l y a f m l f m

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

1 The music video was extraordinarily popular.

2 The class' grades were dreadfully low. _____

3 He was seriously injured in the car accident.

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

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

6 Our project was totally successful. _____

7 I was bitterly surprised by the news. _____

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 _____ at sports but amazingly good at arts.

2 She was _____ because her dog was sick.

3 Carlos and Diego were _____. They had chickenpox.

4 They didn't want to be part of the dance festival _____.

5 The forecast says it will be _____. We must wear light clothes and sunscreen.

6 Blizzards are _____. People can slip on the icy sidewalks and break a bone.

7 The weather is _____ outside. I don't want to go out.

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6 Complete the paragraph with negative intensifiers.

Last week, the weather forecast on the news was not good 1) _____. It predicted 2) _____ 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) _____ severe and it rained all day. At night the weather changed from 4) _____ rainy to a humid cold that made your bones ache. We couldn't warm up. We were also 5) _____ scared by the sound of the wind. The weather has never been so bad. Fortunately, the hurricane passed quickly. We hope not to experience anything similar 6) _____!

7 Write seven sentences with the intensifiers provided.

1 ever again

2 at all

3 dreadfully

4 dangerously

5 seriously

6 bitterly

7 so

8 Write a weather forecast using seven negative intensifiers.

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

6 _____

7 _____