

ADVANCED COLLOCATIONS

Common Adverbs + Adjectives & Verbs

A. Adverb + Adjective / Participle

Adverb	Adjective / Participle	Meaning / Use
consistently	popular	popular over a period of time
properly	compensated	given appropriate payment
exceptionally	good	unusually good
amply	rewarded	rewarded generously or sufficiently
highly	influential	having a strong influence
profoundly	affected	affected very deeply
dazzlingly	good	remarkably impressive or excellent
utterly	bizarre	completely strange
reasonably	comfortable	fairly comfortable
incredibly	stimulating	extremely interesting or thought-provoking
seemingly	irrational	appearing unreasonable or illogical
hugely	advantageous	very beneficial
particularly	relevant	especially connected to the situation
truly	splendid	genuinely excellent
truly	convincing	genuinely persuasive
absolutely	central to	completely essential to something
absolutely	staggering	extremely surprising or impressive
favourably	compared	judged positively in comparison
flagrantly	ignored	deliberately and obviously disregarded
remarkably	accurate	unusually correct or precise
slightly	embarrassed	a little embarrassed
somewhat	envious	rather envious
somewhat	problematic	rather problematic
utterly	miserable	extremely unhappy

Adverb	Adjective / Participle	Meaning / Use
doubly	disappointing	disappointing for two reasons / especially disappointing
fairly	laid-back	relatively relaxed and easy-going
highly	suspicious	causing or feeling strong suspicion
extraordinarily	lethal	extremely deadly
tremendously	high	extremely high
profoundly	ambivalent	having very mixed feelings
vitaly	important	extremely important
discreetly	placed	positioned carefully and unobtrusively

B. Adverb + Verb

Adverb	Verb	Meaning / Use
desperately	try	try very hard, often because something is difficult or urgent
significantly	shape	have a major influence on the development of something
profoundly	shape	have a very deep influence on something
increasingly	act	act in a way that is becoming more common
heavily	influence	influence something strongly
hugely	increase	increase by a large amount
regularly	over-order	order more than is needed on a repeated basis
clearly	go through	obviously experience a particular situation or period
adversely	affect	have a harmful or negative effect on something
seriously	rethink	reconsider something carefully
alarmingly	increase	increase in a worrying or concerning way
ideally	sanction	formally approve or authorise something