

Unit 25 Lesson 2

Socializing



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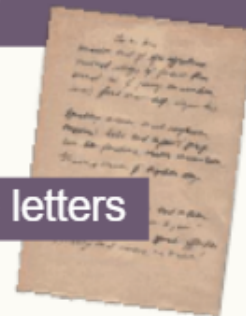
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Keeping in touch

There are many ways to communicate with people.
How do you keep in touch with people?



C. write letters



Keeping in touch

Listen to Claire.
She talks about four different ways of communicating.



Which four ways of communication does Claire mention?

What does she feel sad about?

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Making adjectives stronger

Claire uses the adjectives *expensive*, *good* and *hard*.
Listen for the words she uses before these adjectives.

especially

so

really

very

quite

particularly

Which words does Claire use to make the adjectives stronger?

One way of communicating which is in danger of disappearing is sending postcards. When I was younger, I traveled a lot. This was in the days before e-mail, and making international phone calls was _____ expensive, so I wrote letters and sent postcards. Sending postcards was a _____ good way to keep in touch. You could share a picture of the place you were visiting with your family and friends. These days I'm sad to say that postcards are becoming _____ hard to find.

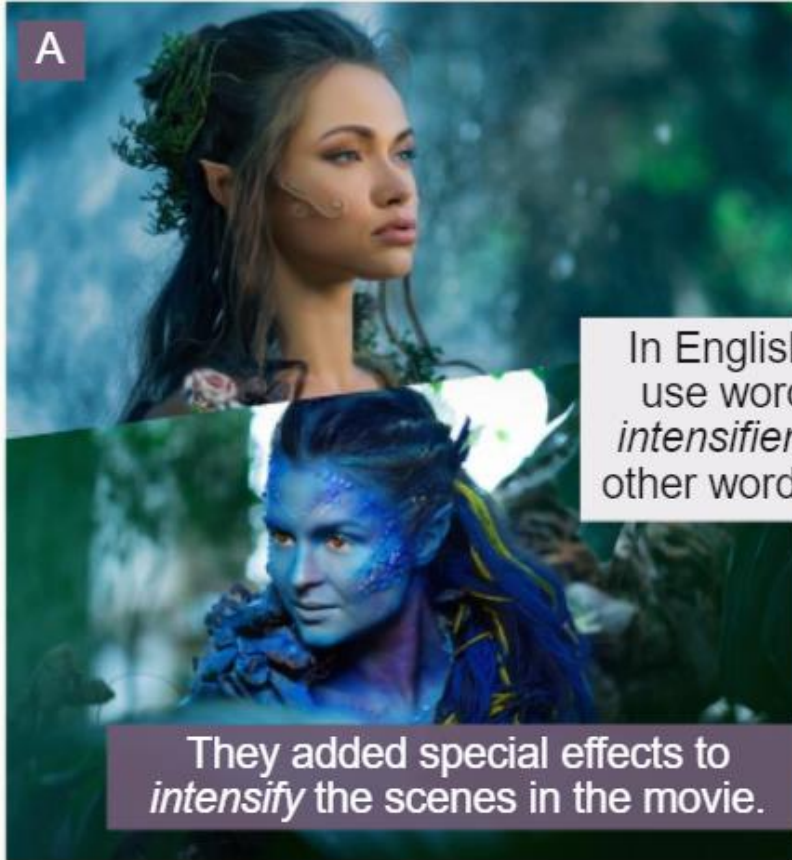


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Intensifiers

To intensify means to make stronger or sharper.



Examples of intensifiers

Here are some sentences containing intensifiers.
Which word is the intensifier?

1. He is a very good football player.
2. She is so talented.
3. The pizza was really delicious.
4. The special effects were particularly good.
5. They are very tired.
6. Alan is quite happy at the moment.
7. The exam was pretty hard.
8. Beijing is a very large city.



Hamza


Claire likes to send postcards.
How does Hamza like to communicate?

Which three intensifiers
does Hamza use?

There is so much new technology these days that sometimes I feel as if I'm getting left behind. I love video calls, though. My son and his family live in New Zealand, so the chance to actually see them all, as well as talk to them, is very good. It's a really great way to keep in touch.



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Position of intensifiers

We generally put intensifiers directly before the adjective.

These days I'm sad to say that postcards are becoming **quite** hard to find.

Sending postcards was a **particularly** good way to keep in touch.

There is **so** much new technology these days.

The intensifier isn't always next to the adjective.

Really also appears directly before the main verb.

Tao and Shan **really** enjoyed the movie.

He has **really** studied well this week.

I didn't **really** understand that book.

Note that *really* comes *directly* before the main verb. In the bottom two examples, the verb comes after the auxiliary verbs *do* and *have*.



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Position of intensifiers

We often emphasize, or *highlight*, intensifiers when we speak.
Listen to Yan.



1. Yan uses three different intensifiers. What are they?
2. She uses one intensifier twice. Which is it?
3. Yan uses an intensifier that you have not seen before in this lesson. What is it?

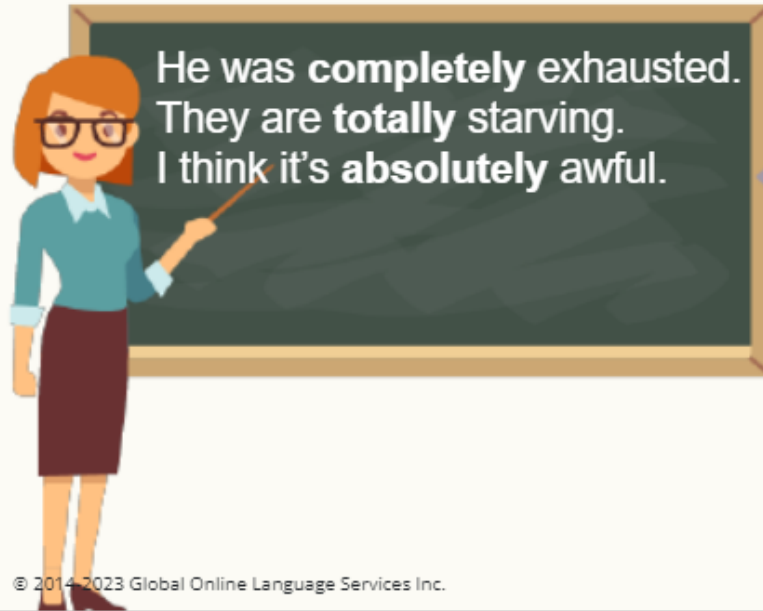
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Absolutely!

In English, some adjectives already have a strong meaning. These adjectives already contain the idea of *very*.

| adjective | extreme adjective |
|-----------|-------------------|
| tired | exhausted |
| hungry | starving |
| bad | awful |



We don't use *very* with extreme adjectives. Instead, there is another group of intensifiers to use with extreme adjectives.

We will look at more of these adjectives and intensifiers in another lesson.

Simon

Read Simon's ideas about communicating. First, find the intensifiers. When you read, place emphasis on the intensifiers.

At work at least, almost all of our communication takes place via email. When I check my email first thing in the morning, there is always a ton of messages from my boss. I think it's really impersonal; and because she's so busy, the messages are usually pretty short and direct. I know it's supposed to be more efficient than having face-to-face meetings, but I'm not a fan.

What does Simon mean by 'direct'?

What does Simon mean by 'a ton of'?



Practice intensifiers

Find the adjectives. Then, choose an intensifier and read the sentence with emphasis.



especially

so

really

pretty

very

quite

particularly

1. The music is loud.
2. This cake is delicious.
3. Elsa is intelligent.
4. The film was enjoyable.
5. That book is interesting.
6. Emil and Jens are hungry.
7. I am energetic today.
8. Madrid is beautiful.

Andy

Listen to Andy and answer the questions.

1. Which of these intensifiers does Andy use?

- a. pretty
- b. especially
- c. particularly
- d. quite

2. Andy uses the word *handy*. Which other word does he use that has a similar meaning?

- a. advantage
- b. busy
- c. convenient
- d. face-to-face



Greta and Hedda talk about smartphones

Complete the texts.



respond

downside

distracting

avoid

in touch

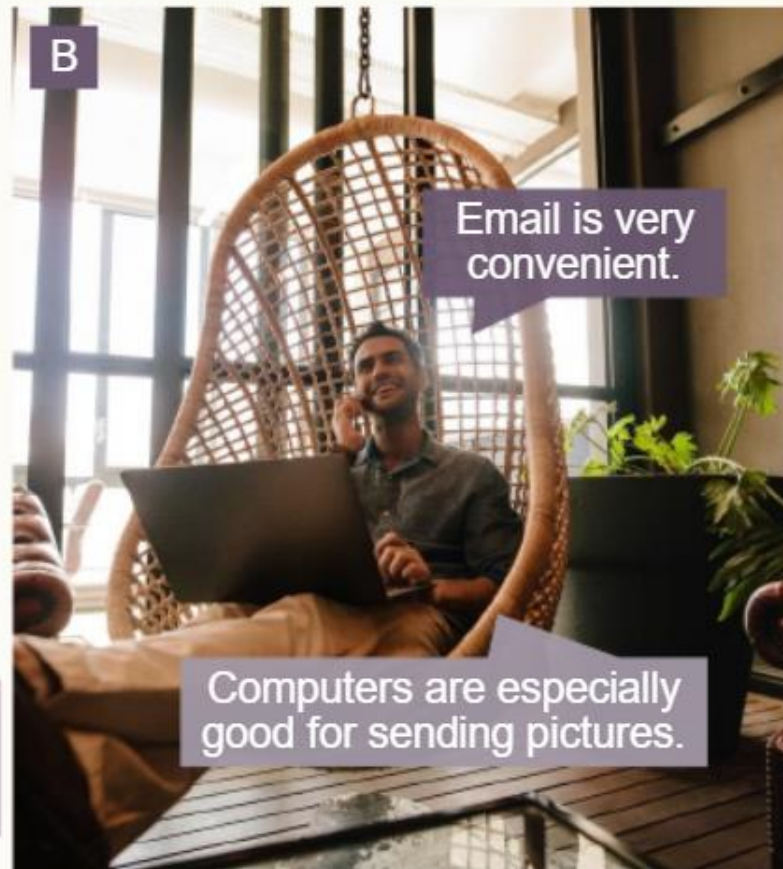
I use my smartphone to communicate with my friends and family, and I'm online almost all the time. It's really quick and easy to stay _____. For me, the only _____ is that it can be quite _____ – especially when I'm trying to do my homework. I usually have to put my smartphone in my desk drawer.



These days, I only send text messages. The best part about it for me is that I can _____ making phone calls. Text messages are particularly good because you don't have to _____ to them immediately; so if you're busy, you can send a reply when you've finished what you were doing. No more interrupted mealtimes!

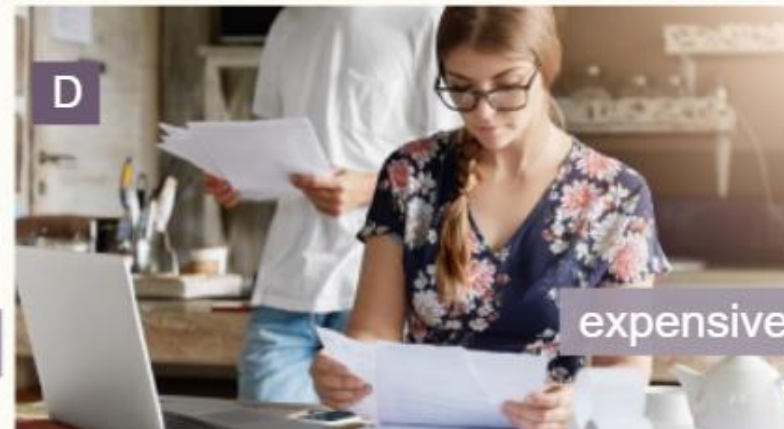
What do you think?

Do you agree with these statements? Give your own opinion.



I think it's very interesting!

Make a sentence about each image using an intensifier. You can choose from the adjectives below or use another adjective.



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How do you communicate?

Give an opinion about each of the ways of communicating.
Use intensifiers.



- A. send postcards
- B. write letters
- C. send text messages
- D. write emails
- E. use video conferencing software

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