

## Adverbs in CAE and CPE Use of English Part One

Choose one of the sets of four adverbs below and try to write a sentence with a gap that can only be filled with one of the four adverbs (because of grammar, collocations, meaning, etc). For example, you could write the question "It is \_\_\_\_\_ sought after" for the options "perfectly/ highly/ effectively/ honestly", because only one of those four goes in that gap. Then test other groups with your question. You get one point for each student who gets it wrong, so try to make your question a tricky one. However, you lose all those points plus one more point if the other students spot that more than one answer is right or none of the answers is right in your sentence. You get an extra point if someone challenges your question but actually it's okay.

### CPE

deservingly  
admittedly  
conceivably  
assuredly

correspondingly  
similarly  
accordingly  
appropriately

perfectly  
completely  
reasonably  
competently

potentially  
plausibly  
predictably  
prospectively

permanently  
uniformly  
perpetually  
invariably

### CAE

correctly  
exactly  
thoroughly  
perfectly

really  
carefully  
definitely  
precisely

exactly  
absolutely  
completely  
totally

only  
fairly  
hardly  
nearly

fully  
truly  
honestly  
purely

highly  
radically  
extremely  
severely

truly  
validly  
correctly  
effectively

considerably  
highly  
vastly  
supremely

correctly  
exactly  
thoroughly  
perfectly

really  
carefully  
definitely  
precisely

*Ask about any above which you don't understand the differences between.*

*Make similar questions from any four of the adverbs below. For example, you could choose one adverb, write a gapped sentence for it, then choose three others which are similar but can't go in that gap (for reasons of meaning, collocations, grammar, etc). You can use the ones with "x 2/ 3" next to more than once (as they are more common in real exam tasks).*

absolutely  
accordingly  
admittedly  
appropriately  
assuredly  
carefully x 2  
competently  
completely x 2  
conceivably  
considerably  
correctly x 3  
correspondingly  
definitely x 2  
deservingly  
effectively  
exactly x 3  
extremely  
fairly  
fully  
hardly  
highly x 2  
honestly  
invariably  
nearly  
only  
perfectly x 3  
permanently  
perpetually  
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precisely x 2  
predictably  
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really x 2  
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supremely  
thoroughly x 2  
totally  
truly x 2  
uniformly  
validly  
vastly