

Adverbs in Use of English Part One question writing tasks

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 options 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 option is right or that none of the options is right in the gap in your sentence. You get an extra point if someone challenges your question but it is actually okay.

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deservingly
admittedly
conceivably
assuredly

correspondingly
similarly
accordingly
appropriately

perfectly
completely
reasonably
competently

potentially
plausibly
predictably
prospectively

permanently
uniformly
perpetually
invariably

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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
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really
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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
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