

The difference between *VERY* and *REALLY*

	Really	Very
Adverb	<p>It is used to describe adjectives, verbs or other adverbs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▷ <i>She thought the project was really interesting.</i> > adj. ▷ <i>He was driving really slowly.</i> > adv. ▷ <i>I really enjoy my job.</i> > verb 	<p>It is used to describe adjectives and adverbs (but not verbs!)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▷ <i>She thought the project was very interesting.</i> > adj. ▷ <i>He was driving very slowly.</i> > adv. ▷ <i>I very enjoy my job.</i> > verb
Exclamation	<p>You can also use <i>really</i> to express interest, surprise, or doubt:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▷ <i>I've worked so hard on this project.</i> ▷ <i>Really?</i> <p>It can also mean 'actually', 'truly' or 'indeed.'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▷ <i>Really, it's too much work.</i> ▷ <i>It was an incredible performance, really.</i> 	
Adjective		<p>When <i>very</i> is combined with nouns, it means 'actual,' 'precise' or 'exact.'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Those were his very words.</i> ● <i>He might be flying at this very moment.</i> ● <i>From the very beginning of the book.</i>

TIP 1: If you're talking about an action, avoid ~~very~~!

TIP 2: After "I", "we", "they" and any other subject, we **cannot** use ~~very~~.

- ~~*I very like it.*~~ - *I really like it.*
- ~~*They very want to finish early.*~~ - *They really want to finish early.*
- ~~*Tony very enjoys his job.*~~ - *Tony really enjoys his job.*

Practice:

Complete the following sentences with *really*, *very* or *both*.

1. I enjoy learning about different selling techniques.
2. How beneficial is it to have a strict manager?
3. She is good at coding.
4. He had to wait until the end to bring up the topic.
5. We want this company to thrive.
6. I enjoy networking events.
7. I don't like meetings so much.
8. I find some tasks boring.
9. They sat at the back of the truck.
10. I am sorry. It won't happen again.
11. I'm super involved in distance learning at the moment.?
12. She makes her work seem easy.
13. They made me feel at home from the beginning.
14. I love my job!
15. They put a lot of effort into their projects.
16. They might actually be arriving at this moment.
17. The production cost was high.
18. The salaries in the IT industry are currently high.
19. We still do not have enough women at the top.
20. Make sure employees understand their goals from the beginning.

Answer Key:

1. I **really** enjoy learning about different selling techniques.
2. How beneficial is it to have a **very/really** strict manager?
3. She is **very/really** good at coding.
4. He had to wait until the **very** end to bring up the topic.
5. We **really** want this company to thrive.
6. I **really** enjoy networking events.
7. I don't **really** like meetings so much.
8. I find some tasks **very/really** boring.
9. They sat at the **very** back of the truck.
10. I am **very/really** sorry. It won't happen again.
11. I'm super involved in distance learning at the moment. **Really?**
12. She **really** makes her work seem easy.
13. They made me feel at home from the **very** beginning.
14. I **really** love my job!
15. They **really** put a lot of effort into their projects.
16. They might actually be arriving at this **very** moment.
17. The production cost was **very/really** high.
18. The salaries in the IT industry are currently **very/really** high.
19. We still do not have enough women at the **very** top.
20. Make sure employees understand their goals from the **very** beginning.