



Intensifiers

An **intensifier** is a little word that increases the level of an adjective in a sentence.

An **intensifier** normally goes immediately before the adjective.

She is **very** happy

We are **extremely** excited

They are **incredibly** sad

Intensifiers make our language more exciting and interesting, but they are normally seen as informal language. So try to **avoid these in more formal situations.**

There are different types of intensifiers. We categorise them as strong, medium and weak.

Strong intensifiers add lots more to the sentence, medium intensifiers add a bit more and weak intensifiers add a little bit more to a sentence.

Strong intensifiers

amazingly
exceptionally
extremely
incredibly
particularly
really
remarkably
so
very

Medium intensifiers

quite
rather
unusually

Weak intensifiers

fairly
pretty

Let's take the example sentence;

It is cold outside.



We can increase the meaning of the adjective “cold” by using an intensifier.



It is cold
outside

It is fairly
cold
outside

It is quite
cold
outside

It is very
cold
outside