

A to Z English



A to Z Tips 06: Very, Really, and Extremely

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Welcome to the agency English podcast. My name is Jack and I am here with my partner social. We are the A-Z English podcast and today we are going to do a tips episode because we found that those are.

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They're pretty popular lately, and we've got actually 3.

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Vocabulary words that we want to share with you and UM, social. Why don't you tell us what those 3 words are?

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OK.

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So today we're going to be talking about the differences between really very and extremely and when you can use each.

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So really is probably the one that.

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Is that has a duality about it.

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So you can use it two different.

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Ways you can either use it the same way you might use very or extremely to emphasize that something is.

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Like very for example if you use it in a sentence, she is really smart.

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You can use it.

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That way.

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To emphasize equality of or some type of quality or adjective, you can also use really to mean actually.

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So if my friend says something ridiculous.

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And I didn't expect that they were serious.

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Later, when I came you didn't you know you didn't meet me at 2:00 AM under the bridge.

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I'm going to be like ohh.

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You really meant that I thought you were kidding because that was such a weird thing to say.

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So you can use.

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Really impressive, actually.

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Right.

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There is another word that you can use interchangeably with really to emphasize something.

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So again, she's very smart.

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She's very pretty.

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Funny, you can just use.

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I think we we call these adverbs of degree, right?

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Yes, that's right, Jack.

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And then extremely is similar in context that it's an add remove degree, but it's the most extreme haha.

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It's the most intense 1 to emphasize something the most intensely.

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So if you say she's very pretty or she's really pretty.

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They are about the same degree of prettiness, but if you say if you say that woman is extremely pretty, you're basically saying she's the most beautiful one you've ever seen.

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It's like another degree above, really or very.

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Agree with that, Jack.

[00:03:20](#)Jack

No, I totally agree with that.

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I mean, I think that those 3, they're very similar, but you know, she's very pretty.

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She's she's really pretty.

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She's very pretty.

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She's extremely pretty.

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And so they're all.

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Those can all be.

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Used interchangeably, although extremely is a little bit.

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Has a little bit of a higher degree.

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Than the other two.

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The one where it gets tricky is did you really mean that?

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That would be, yeah.

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But we can't say.

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Did you very mean that?

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No, it's awkward.

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Right.

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Or did you extremely mean that because they don't mean the same thing really is the only one in this set of three that has double meaning it it can either be an adverb of what did you call it an?

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Did you? Yeah.

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An adjective of degree or an adverb of?

[00:04:21](#) Xochitl

No, an adverb of degree.

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Had for a fifth degree, yeah.

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Yeah, it's either it can be an adverb of degree, just like the other two, but really can also mean actually.

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So you can use it in any situation where you're trying to a more casual way of saying did you actually mean that or wow.

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Did that actually happen?

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You can use really in those situations.

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Like, did you really go to Seattle a couple of weeks ago?

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Or are you pulling my leg or did you really go and get 100% on your test last week?

Or are you exaggerating you know?

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You can use it that way.

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Right, right.

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So I would say remember it this way very really or really very and extremely.

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Go together is the same same, uh.

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They function very similarly and then really and actually kind of function separately as their own meaning as well.

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So for example if you said if social said to me.

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Jack, I won the lottery.

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And I would say really.

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You know and you're like.

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Right.

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Yes, I actually won the lottery.

[00:05:40](#) 발표자

Right.

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Ohh, my gosh, that's amazing.

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But we can't use very.

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We can't use extremely in those situations, actually, and really kind of have their own meaning in that context.

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So you kind of have to.

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I I guess what would be the rule for remembering that is that you kind of have to remember that actually and really are are very similar they kind of share similarities.

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And then you can also use very really and extremely together if you're talking about degree adverbials for how much, how pretty is she?

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Very pretty.

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Right.

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Really pretty, extremely pretty.

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So you can use those 3 interchangeably and really is only one that has two different meanings.

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So you can use it in those two different situations.

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So I think we have our bases covered with that. And if you have any further questions about it, make sure to let us know in the WhatsApp group or e-mail us at AZ englishpodcast@gmail.com.

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Let us know when that's the group or comment down below.

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We'll be happy to answer your questions in a future episode.

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So with that checking, I'm.

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Going to sign off.

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Bye bye.

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Bye bye and I'm extremely interested in your responses and I promise I'll try really hard to answer your questions.

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See you later.