

**really**['ri(ə)li] *adv*

- действительно, в действительности на самом деле; по-настоящему  
what do you really think about it? - что вы на самом деле думаете об этом?; каково ваше настоящее мнение по этому поводу?  
things that really exist - реально существующие вещи  
has he really gone? - он действительно уехал?  
it was really my fault - по существу, это была моя вина  
sixty is not really old - шестьдесят лет - это ещё не настоящая старость
- эмоц.-усил.** очень, крайне, чрезвычайно  
a really hot day - очень жаркий день  
a really gripping story - весьма захватывающая история  
a really beautiful necklace - изумительное ожерелье  
that really is too much! - ≅ только этого не хватало!
- (как вводное слово) право, по правде говоря  
really, you must not say that - право, вам не следует так говорить  
well, really, it is too bad of you - послушайте, это, право, нехорошо с вашей стороны  
really, you're being ridiculous - но правде говоря, ты ведёшь себя просто глупо
- в грам. знач. междометия **разг.** разве?, вот как!, правда?, право (же)! (выражает интерес, удивление, протест, сомнение и т. п.)  
not really! - не может быть!  
we're going to Sochi this summer. - Oh, really? - этим летом мы едем в Сочи. - Вот как!  
◇ really and truly - а) поистине; б) право же  
really and truly, you must not say such things - право же, вам не следует так говорить

**really**

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**really** *BrE* ['ri:əli] *BrE* ['ri:əli] *NAmE* ['ri:əli] *adverb*

- used to say what is actually the fact or the truth about sth
  - What do you really think about it?
  - Tell me what really happened.
  - They are not really my aunt and uncle.
  - I can't believe I am really going to meet the princess.
- used to emphasize sth you are saying or an opinion you are giving
  - I want to help, I really do.
  - Now I really must go.
  - I really don't mind.
  - He really likes you.
  - I **really and truly** am in love this time.
- used to emphasize an adjective or adverb
  - a really hot fire
  - I'm really sorry.
  - She was driving really fast.
- used, often in negative sentences, to reduce the force of sth you are saying
  - I don't really agree with that.
  - It doesn't really matter.
  - 'Did you enjoy the book?' ' **Not really** ' (= 'no' or 'not very much') .
  - We've done well, really. The position of **really** can change the meaning of the sentence. **I don't really know** means that you are not sure about something; **I really don't know** emphasizes that you do not know. (Look at sense 2.)
- used in questions and negative sentences when you want sb to say 'no'
  - Do you really expect me to believe that?
  - I don't really need to go, do I?
- used to express interest in or surprise at what sb is saying
  - 'We're going to Japan next month.' 'Oh, really?'
  - 'She's resigned.' 'Really? Are you sure?'
- used to show that you disapprove of sth sb has done
  - Really, you could have told us before.

Thesaurus:**really** [**really**] *adv.* (especially spoken)

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**very** • **highly** • **quite** • **well** • **truly** • **extremely** • **desperately** • |especially spoken **so** • |formal **most** •really/very/highly/quite/extremely/so **successful/intelligent/competitive/critical**really/very/quite/extremely/desperately/so/most **anxious/concerned/disappointed/unhappy/important**really/very/quite/truly/extremely/desperately/so **sorry****Really, very or so?** **Very** is the most frequent and most neutral of these words. **Really** and **so** are more informal and can be stronger. **Really** and **so** can be used with both weak and strong adjectives; **very** is not used with strong adjectives:

• so/really/very good (= weak)

• so/really wonderful (= strong)

✗ **very wonderful**

Example Bank:

- I really love it here.
- I'm really sorry.
- This is a really nice place.
- so/really good
- so/really wonderful

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really **S1 W1** /'rɪəli/ BrE <sup>ˈ</sup> AmE <sup>ˈ</sup> *adverb*

[Word Family: noun: ↑realism, ↑realist, ↑reality, ↑unreality, ↑realization; *adverb* ↑real, ↑really, ↑realistically ≠ ↑unrealistically; adjective: ↑real, ↑unreal, ↑realistic ≠ ↑unrealistic; verb: ↑realize]

1. VERY very **SYN extremely** :

- ˈ a really good film
- ˈ It was really cold last night.
- ˈ He walks really slowly.
- ˈ I'm really, really sorry.

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Really is especially frequent in spoken English. In writing, people usually prefer to use **very** or **extremely** to emphasize an adjective, or **very much** to emphasize a verb:

- a really dangerous activity → a very dangerous activity
- | I really enjoyed the play. → I enjoyed the play very much.

2. THE REAL SITUATION used when you are talking about what actually happened or is true, rather than what people might wrongly think:

- ˈ Why don't you tell us what really happened?
- ˈ Oliver's not really her brother.
- ˈ I never know what he's really thinking.
- ˈ She seems unfriendly at first, but she's really very nice.
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3. DEFINITELY used to emphasize something you are saying:

- ˈ We really need that extra money.
- ˈ I really don't mind.
- ˈ I'm absolutely fine, Dad – really.

4. NOT TRUE used in questions when you are asking someone if something is true and suggesting that you think it is not true **SYN honestly**:

- ˈ Do you really think she's doing this for your benefit?
- ˈ Do you really expect me to believe that?

5.

a) really? used to show that you are surprised by what someone has said:

- ˈ 'He's Canadian.' 'Really?'

b) really? used in conversation to show that you are listening to or interested in what the other person is saying:

- ˈ 'We had a great time in Florida.' 'Really? How lovely.'

c) American English used to show that you agree with someone:

- ˈ 'Glen can be such a jerk.' 'Yeah, really!'

d) especially British English used to show that you are angry or disapprove of something:

- ˈ Really, Larry, you might have told me!

6. not really used to say 'no' or 'not' in a less strong way:

- ˈ 'Do you want to come along?' 'Not really.'
- ˈ I don't really know what he's doing now.

7. should/ought really used to say what someone should do, especially when they are probably not going to do it:

- ˈ You should really go and see a doctor.

8. really and truly (also really, truly American English) used to emphasize a statement or opinion:

- ˈ He was really and truly a brilliant comedian.

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