

quite[kwaɪt] *adv***1. вполне, совсем; совершенно, полностью; всецело**

work not quite done - не совсем законченная работа

to be quite mistaken - глубоко ошибаться

I quite agree with you - я вполне согласен с вами

I'm quite alone - я совсем один

quite by myself - а) совершенно самостоятельно; б) совсем один

my watch is quite right - мои часы абсолютно правильны

for quite another reason - по совершенно иной причине

it's quite the thing - это именно то, что нужно /что имелось в виду/ [*см. тж.* ◇]

not quite the thing to do - это не совсем то, что следует делать, этого не следует делать

quite another - совсем другой /иной/

I quite see that ... - я хорошо вижу, что ...

2. почти, до некоторой степени; более или менее; довольно

quite polite - довольно вежливо

quite a good fellow [deal] - неплохой парень [-ая сделка]

to be quite a success - иметь немалый успех

it's quite cold - довольно холодно

quite a long time - довольно долго

quite a few /a lot, a number, a little/ - *разг.* довольно много; порядочно

they are quite young - а) они ещё довольно молоды; б) они совсем /такие/ молодые

3. *усил.* действительно, в самом деле, решительно

quite a beauty - самая настоящая красавица

it was quite a journey - а) путешествие было довольно длительным; б) это было неплохое путешествие

it was quite a scene! - вот это было зрелище!

up to quite a recent time - до самого недавнего времени

4. *при ответах* выражает согласие, понимание:

oh, quite! - о да!

yes, quite!, quite so! - а) безусловно, несомненно; б) правильно, очень хорошо

◇ it's quite the thing - это (сейчас) модно [*см. тж.* 1]**quite**

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quite *BrE* [kwaɪt] ^m *NAmE* [kwaɪt] ^m *adverb***1. (BrE) (not used with a negative) to some degree****Syn:** †fairly, **Syn:** †pretty

• quite big/good/cold/warm/interesting

• He plays quite well.

• I **quite like** opera. When **quite** is used with an adjective before a noun, it comes before a or an. You can say

• It's quite a small house or

• Their house is quite small but not It's a quite small house.

2. (BrE) to the greatest possible degree**Syn:** †completely, **Syn:** †absolutely, **Syn:** †entirely

• quite delicious/amazing/empty/perfect

• This is quite a different problem.

• I'm **quite happy** to wait for you here.• Flying is **quite the best** way to travel.

• It wasn't quite as simple as I thought it would be.

• **Quite frankly**, I don't blame you.• I've had **quite enough** of your tantrums.• Are you **quite sure** ?• I **quite agree** .

• I don't quite know what to do next.

• **Quite apart from** all the work, he had financial problems.• The theatre was **not quite** (= was almost) full.

• It's like being in the Alps, but not quite.

• 'I almost think she prefers animals to people.' ' **Quite right too** ,' said Bill.• 'I'm sorry to be so difficult.' ' **That's quite all right** . '**3. to a great degree; very; really**

• You'll be quite comfortable here.

• I can see it quite clearly.

• (*NAmE*) 'You've no intention of coming back?' 'I'm quite sorry, but no, I have not.'**4. (also formal quite so) (BrE) used to agree with sb or show that you understand them**

• 'He's bound to feel shaken after his accident.' 'Quite.'

• 'It's not something we want to have talked about.' 'Quite so.'

more at quite the contrary **at** †contrary, quite a few **at** †few _{pron.}**Idioms:** †quite a lot ▪ †quite a something ▪ †quite some something**See also:** †quite a bit ▪ †quite some something

Word Origin:

Middle English: from the obsolete adjective quite, variant of †quit.

Thesaurus:

quite [quite] adv.

1. (especially BrE) (not used in negative sentences)

- He plays quite well.

fairly • **reasonably** • **moderately** • |especially BrE **rather** • |AmE informal, BrE **pretty** •

quite/rather **a/an...**

quite/fairly/reasonably/moderately/rather/pretty **successful/high/well**

quite/fairly/reasonably/rather/pretty **good/large/common/pleased/confident/soon/quickly/easily**

I quite/rather **like** sth

2. (especially BrE)

- quite delicious/amazing/perfect

completely • **totally** • **fully** • **entirely** • **utterly** • |informal **dead** • |especially spoken **absolutely** • **perfectly** •

quite/completely/totally/fully/utterly/dead/absolutely/perfectly **sure**

quite/completely/totally/entirely/absolutely/perfectly **normal**

quite/completely/totally/fully/utterly **agree**

Which word? The main differences between these words are in register not meaning. **Completely**, **entirely** and **fully** are used more in written and formal English. **Totally**, **quite**, **absolutely** and **perfectly** are used more in spoken and informal English.

Utterly is often used to express failure or impossibility

- She utterly failed to convince them.

3. (usually used with adjectives and adverbs)

- I can see it quite clearly.

very • **extremely** • **highly** • **truly** • **desperately** • |especially spoken **really** • **so** • |formal **most** •

quite/very/extremely/highly/really/so **successful/intelligent/competitive/critical**

quite/very/extremely/desperately/really/so/most **anxious/concerned/disappointed/unhappy/important**

quite/very/extremely/desperately/truly/really/so **sorry**

Which Word?:

quite / fairly / rather / pretty

Look at these examples:

- The exam was fairly difficult.
- The exam was quite difficult.
- The exam was rather difficult.

Quite is a little stronger than **fairly**, and **rather** is a little stronger than **quite**. **Rather** is not very common in *NAmE*; **pretty** has the same meaning and this is used in informal *BrE* too: ▪ The exam was pretty difficult.

In *BrE* **quite** has two meanings: ▪ I feel quite tired today (= fairly tired). With adjectives that describe an extreme state ('non-gradable' adjectives) it means 'completely' or 'absolutely': ▪ I feel quite exhausted. With some adjectives, both meanings are possible. The speaker's stress and intonation will show you which is meant: ▪ Your essay is 'quite good (= fairly good — it could be better); ▪ Your essay is quite 'good (= very good, especially when this is unexpected).

In *NAmE* **quite** usually means something like 'very', not 'fairly' or 'rather'. **Pretty** is used instead for this sense.

Example Bank:

- 'I'm sorry to be so difficult.' 'That's quite all right.'
- Are you quite sure about that?
- By then I had done quite enough.
- Even quite young children can manage it.
- He's quite a good player.
- Her children are still quite young.
- I don't quite know what to do next.
- I quite agree.
- I see him quite often.
- I think it's quite likely we'll win.
- I went to bed quite late last night.
- It wasn't quite as simple as I thought it would be.
- It's like being in the Alps, but not quite.
- It's quite a small room.
- It's too risky, quite apart from the cost.
- Quite frankly, I couldn't care less.
- The bottle is not quite empty.
- The room is quite small.
- The shoes were quite expensive.
- The two things are not quite the same.
- We are never quite sure what to expect.
- You'll be quite comfortable here.
- quite delicious/amazing/perfect

quite **S1 W1** /kwart/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *predeterminer, adverb*

[Date: 1300-1400; Origin: quit, quite 'free of' (13-19 centuries), from Old French quite; ⇨ ↑quit]

1. **especially American English** very, but not extremely ⇨ **pretty**:

- The food in the cafeteria is usually quite good.
- His hair is quite thin on top now.
- Amy's at college, and she's doing quite well.

quite a something

- He's quite a good soccer player.

GRAMMAR

Put **quite** before 'a' and an adjective and noun, not after 'a':

- It took quite a long time (NOT a quite long time).

2. **especially British English** fairly, or to a small extent, but not very ⇨ **pretty**:

- The film was quite good, but the book was much better.
- I got a letter from Sylvia quite recently.

quite like/enjoy

- I quite like Chinese food.

3. **quite a lot/bit/few** a fairly large number or amount:

- He's got quite a lot of friends.
- Quite a few towns are now banning cars from their shopping centres.

4. [+ adjective/adverb] **British English** completely:

- I'm sorry. That's quite impossible.
- What she's suggesting is quite ridiculous!
- I think you've had quite enough to drink already!
- That's quite a different matter.

5. **not quite** not completely:

- They weren't quite ready so we waited in the car.
- I'm not quite sure where she lives.
- Dinner's almost ready, but not quite.

6. **not quite why/what/where etc** not exactly why, what, where etc:

- The play wasn't quite what we expected.

7. **quite a something/quite some something** **British English** used before a noun to emphasize that something is very good, large, interesting etc:

- That was quite a party you had.
- The engines make quite a noise.
- It's quite some distance away.

8. **quite a/some time** **especially British English** a fairly long time:

- We've been waiting for quite some time now.

9. **quite right** **British English** used to show that you agree strongly with someone:

- 'I refuse to do any more work.' 'Quite right. They can't expect you to work for nothing.'

10. **that's quite all right** **British English** used to reply to someone that you are not angry about something they have done:

- 'I'm sorry we're so late.' 'That's quite all right.'

11. **quite/quite so** **British English formal** used to show that you agree with what someone is saying **SYN exactly**:

- 'They really should have thought of this before.' 'Yes, quite.'

12. **quite something** **especially British English** used to say that someone or something is very impressive:

- It's quite something to walk out on stage in front of 20,000 people.

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THESAURUS

- **rather/quite** **especially British English** more than a little, but less than very. British people often use these words before adjectives in conversation. In many cases they do not intend to change the meaning – it is just something that people say: She seemed rather unhappy. | It's rather a difficult question. | It's getting quite late. | Malaria is rather common in this area.
- **fairly** rather. **Fairly** is used in both British and American English: The test was fairly easy. | It's a fairly long way to the next town.
- **pretty** *spoken* rather. **Pretty** is more informal than the other words and is used in spoken English: Her French is pretty good. | We're in a pretty strong position.
- **reasonably** to a satisfactory level or degree: He plays reasonably well. | Let's just say that I am reasonably confident we'll win.
- **moderately** *formal* more than a little, but not very: Her family was moderately wealthy. | The food was moderately good, but not as good as the food in the other restaurants. | Use a moderately high heat. | a moderately difficult climb
- **somewhat** *formal* fairly or to a small degree. **Somewhat** is used especially when talking about the size or degree of something. It is often used in comparatives: The celebrations were somewhat larger than last year's. | He looked somewhat irritated. | a somewhat surprising decision

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