

practically

[ˈpræktɪk(ə)li] *adv*

1. **практически**

to look at a question practically - смотреть на вопрос с практической точки зрения
to know a language practically - знать язык практически

2. **фактически, на деле; в сущности**

he was practically ruined - в сущности /фактически/ он был разорён
practically speaking there is no more to be done - в сущности говоря /по сути дела/, здесь больше ничего не сделаешь

3. **почти**

he knew practically nothing about her - он почти ничего не знал о ней

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

prac-tic-al-ly [ˈpræktɪkli] *BrE* [ˈpræktɪkli] *AmE* [ˈpræktɪkli] *adverb*

1. **almost; very nearly**

Syn: ↑virtually

- The theatre was practically empty.
- I meet famous people practically every day.
- My essay is practically finished now.
- With that crack in it, the vase is worth practically nothing.
- There's practically no difference between the two options.

2. **in a realistic or sensible way; in real situations**

- Practically speaking, we can't afford it.
- It sounds like a good idea, but I don't think it will work practically.

compare ↑theoretically

Synonyms:

almost / nearly / practically

These three words have similar meanings and are used frequently with the following words:

almost ~	nearly ~	practically ~
certainly	(numbers) all	all
all	all	every
every	always	no
entirely	every	nothing
impossible	finished	impossible
empty	died	anything

They are used in positive sentences: ▪ She almost/nearly/practically missed her train. They can be used before words like **all**, **every** and **everybody**: ▪ Nearly all the students have bikes. ◊ I've got practically every CD they've made. Practically is used more in spoken than in written English. Nearly is the most common with numbers: ▪ There were nearly 200 people at the meeting. They can also be used in negative sentences but it is more common to make a positive sentence with only just: ▪ We only just got there in time. (or: ▪ We almost/nearly didn't get there in time.)

Almost and practically can be used before words like **any**, **anybody**, **anything**, etc: ▪ I'll eat almost anything. You can also use them before **no**, **nobody**, **never**, etc. but it is much more common to use hardly or scarcely with **any**, **anybody**, **ever**, etc: ▪ She's hardly ever in (or: ▪ She's almost never in).

Almost can be used when you are saying that one thing is similar to another: ▪ The boat looked almost like a toy.

In *BrE* you can use **very** and **so** before nearly: ▪ He was very nearly caught.

note at ↑hardly

Example Bank:

- She practically accused me of starting the fire!
- There's practically no difference between the two options.
- There's virtually/practically no money left.
- This drug was virtually/practically unknown in Britain.

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[**Word Family:** **noun:** ↑practical, practicalities, ↑practicality ≠ ↑impracticality, ↑practicability ≠ ↑impracticability; **adverb:** ↑practically ≠ ↑impractically, ↑practicably ≠ ↑impracticably; **adjective:** ↑practicable ≠ ↑impracticable, ↑practical ≠ ↑impractical]

1. **especially spoken almost:**

- I've read practically all of his books.
- She sees him practically every day.
- It's practically impossible to predict what will happen.
- The two designs were practically identical.

2. **in a sensible way which takes account of problems:**

- 'But how can we pay for it?' said John practically.
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- **almost** not completely or not quite: I've almost finished my essay. | It's almost lunchtime.
- **nearly** almost. **Nearly** is more commonly used in British English than American English: I've been a teacher for nearly 10 years

now. | It's very nearly time to go home.

- **not quite** almost, but not yet: 'Is he 60?' 'Not quite!' | It's not quite time to go yet. | I'm not quite ready yet.
- **practically/virtually** very nearly: The room was practically empty. | **practically all/everything/everyone etc**: The frost killed practically every plant in the garden. | Virtually everyone had gone home.
- **more or less/just about/pretty much** *especially spoken* very nearly – use this when saying that the difference is not important: All the rooms are more or less the same size. | His jacket was pretty much the same colour as his trousers. | The policy will benefit just about everyone.
- **getting on for** *British English informal*, **getting on toward** *especially American English informal* almost a particular time, age, or period of time – used especially when you are not sure of the exact time, age etc: It's getting on for 10 years since we last saw each other. | 'How old's Diane?' 'She must be getting on toward 50.'
- **close to** almost a particular number, amount, or time – used especially when the number or amount is surprisingly large or the time is very late: It was close to midnight by the time we arrived. | They've spent close to \$1.3 billion on the project.
- **approaching/nearing** almost – used when a number or amount is still increasing or a time is getting nearer: The unemployment rate was nearing 20%.
- **be on the verge of (doing) something** to be very close to doing something: She was on the verge of tears (=almost crying). | I was on the verge of giving up. | They were on the verge of making a decision.
- **be on the brink of something** to be very close to an extremely bad situation: The two countries are on the brink of war. | The company was on the brink of bankruptcy.

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