

very**1. ['veri] а****1. усил.****1) настоящий, истинный, подлинный, сущий**

the very truth - сущая /чистая/ правда

a very rogue - настоящий /отъявленный/ мошенник

the veriest fool knows that - это знает последний дурак

2) полный, абсолютный, в высшей степени

the very reverse (of) - полная противоположность

this is the very reverse of the truth - дело обстоит как раз наоборот

the very nonsense - **разг.** полнейшая ерунда

the very stupidity - **разг.** верх глупости

3) (после the, this, that и притяжательных местоимений) тот самый; тот же; именно тот

at that very moment - в тот самый момент

the very man I saw - тот самый человек, которого я видел

the very thing for the purpose - это именно то, что нужно /необходимо/

he lives in this very place [house] - он живёт как раз здесь [в этом самом доме]

that is the very thing that I was saying - я именно это и говорил

these are his very words - это в точности его слова

come here this very minute! - иди сюда сию же минуту!

it was a year ago, to the very day - это было ровно год назад

4) самый; предельный

a very little more - **разг.** ещё; совсем немного; чуть-чуть

the very top - самая верхушка

at the very bottom - на самом дне

at the very beginning - в самом начале

in the very heart of the city - в самом центре города

it grieves me to the very heart - это огорчает меня до глубины души

5) сам по себе; простой

the very thought frightens me - одна мысль об этом меня пугает

the very fact of his presence is enough - достаточно того, что он присутствует

he could not, for very shame, refuse to give something - ему было просто стыдно ничего не дать

6) самый; даже; хотя бы; вплоть до

their very language is becoming unintelligible to us - сам их язык становится нам непонятен

the very children know it - даже дети знают это

they took the very shirt off his back - они его обобрали до нитки

2. арх. истинный

very God of very God - **рел.** Бога истина от Бога истинна

◇ in very deed - действительно, на самом деле; несомненно

in very truth - поистине

the very idea! - как можно!, что вы говорите! (*выражение протеста или изумления*)

2. ['veri] adv усил.**1. очень, весьма**

a very trying time - очень тяжёлое время

very much - а) очень (*часто с р. р.*); did you like the play? - Very much - вам понравилась пьеса? - Очень; I was very much

pleased, **разг.** I was very pleased - я был очень рад; б) значительно, гораздо (*с прилагательными в сравнит. ст.*); I feel

very much better - мне значительно лучше; it is very much warmer - стало гораздо теплее, сильно потеплело

2. после отрицаний в незначительной степени; отнюдь нет, довольно

not very good - неважный

not very well - неважно

not very rich - небогатый

not so very small - не такой уж маленький, довольно большой

I am not so very sure - я в этом отнюдь не уверен

you are not very polite - вы не очень-то вежливы

that's not a very nice thing to say - это не очень любезно, это довольно грубо

I am not very fond of music - я не любитель музыки

3. в сочетании с прилагательным или наречием в превосходной степени самый

the very first [last, best] - самый первый [последний, лучший]

at the very most [least] - самое большее [меньшее]

at 5, at the very latest - самое позднее в пять часов

I did the very best I could - я сделал всё, что мог /всё, что было в моих силах/

the very last thing I expected - этого я никак не ожидал

4. именно, точно, как раз

in the very same words - точно теми же словами

the very same man - именно тот (самый) человек

the very same day the year before - ровно год назад

very much the other way - как раз наоборот

◇ very good - а) очень хорошо, отлично; б) хорошо (*согласие*); в) слушаюсь!, есть! (*ответ на приказ*)

very well - а) очень хорошо, отлично; б) ну, хорошо, так и быть; ≅ приходится соглашаться; в) **мор.** так держать!

very nearly - почти

are you ready? - Very nearly so - вы готовы? - Да, почти

we very nearly died - мы чуть не погибли

my [his; her] very own - а) свой собственный; may I have it for my very own? - можно мне взять это себе?; б) родной, близкий, любимый; my very own Mary - Мэри, родная моя

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very

very [**very** **veriest**] **adverb**, **adjective** *BrE* ['veri] ^m *NAmE* ['veri] ^m

adverb (abbr. **v**)

1. used before adjectives, adverbs and determiners to mean 'in a high degree' or 'extremely'

- very small
- very quickly
- Very few people know that.
- Thanks very much.
- 'Do you like it?' 'Yeah, I do. **Very much**.'
- 'Is it what you expected?' 'Oh yes, **very much so**.'
- 'Are you busy?' 'Not very.'
- The new building has been very much admired.
- I'm **not very** (= not at all) impressed.
- I'm **very very** grateful.

2. used to emphasize a superlative adjective or before own

- They wanted the **very best** quality.
- Be there by six **at the very latest**.
- At last he had his **very own** car (= belonging to him and to nobody else).

3. the ~ same exactly the same

- Mario said the very same thing.

Word Origin:

Middle English (as an adjective in the sense 'real, genuine'): from Old French *verai*, based on Latin *verus* 'true'.

Grammar Point:

very / very much

Very is used with adjectives, past participles used as adjectives, and adverbs. I am very hungry. ◊ I was very pleased to get your letter. ◊ You played very well. But notice this use: I'm very much afraid that your son may be involved in the crime.

Very is not used with past participles that have a passive meaning. Much, very much or greatly (formal) are usually used instead: Your help was very much appreciated. ◊ He was much loved by everyone. ◊ She was greatly admired.

Very is used to emphasize superlative adjectives: my very best work ◊ the very youngest children. However, with comparative adjectives much, very much, a lot, etc. are used: Your work is very much better. ◊ much younger children.

Very is not used with adjectives and adverbs that already have an extreme meaning. You are more likely to use an adverb such as absolutely, completely, etc.: She was absolutely furious. ◊ I'm completely exhausted. ◊ You played really brilliantly.

Very is not used with verbs. Use very much instead: We enjoyed staying with you very much.

Example Bank:

- 'Do you like it?' 'Yes, I do. Very much.'
- 'Is it what you expected?' 'Oh yes, very much so.'
- I'm not very impressed.
- They left very quickly/soon.
- This room is very small/hot/useful.

adjective only before noun

1. used to emphasize that you are talking about a particular thing or person and not about another

Syn: ↑actual

- Those were her very words.
- He might be phoning her **at this very moment**.
- That's **the very thing** I need.

2. used to emphasize an extreme place or time

- It happens at the very beginning of the book.

3. used to emphasize a noun

Syn: ↑mere

- The **very thought of** drink made him feel sick.
- 'I can't do that!' she gasped, appalled at **the very idea**.

see before/in front of sb's (very) eyes **at** ↑eye _{n.}

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I. **very**¹ **S1 W1** /'veri/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *adverb*

1. [+ adjective/adverb] used to emphasize an adjective, adverb, or phrase:

- It feels very cold today.
- The fishing industry is very important to the area.
- The traffic's moving very slowly this morning.
- problems that are very similar to mine
- I feel a lot better – thank you very much.
- I'm very, very (=used for emphasis) pleased you can come.
- It's very kind of you to help.
- My sister and I were married on the very same (=exactly the same) day.

the very best/latest/worst etc

- We only use the very best ingredients.

2. **not very good/happy/far etc**

not good etc at all:

- I'm just not very good at spelling.
- The garden's not very big, is it?
- The assistant wasn't very helpful.
- 'Was the talk interesting?' 'Not very (=only slightly).'

3. **your very own** used to emphasize the fact that something belongs to one particular person and to no one else:

- She was thrilled at the idea of having her very own toys to play with.

of your very own

- At last, she had a home of her very own.

4. **informal** used with adjectives to say that the quality something has is very noticeable or typical:

- It was a very male reaction, I thought.
- His films are always very French.

5. **very much so spoken** used to emphasize your agreement or approval:

- 'Are you serious?' 'Very much so.'

6. **very well old-fashioned spoken** used to agree to something

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GRAMMAR

Do not use **very** with adjectives that have 'very' as part of their meaning, for example 'terrible' (=very bad) and 'fascinating' (=very interesting). Just use the adjective, or use **absolutely** to emphasize it:

- a terrible car crash
- I felt absolutely terrible.

Do not use **very** on its own with verbs and prepositional phrases. Use **very much**:

- He very much regrets what happened.
- Their efforts were very much appreciated.
- I liked him very much.
- He was very much in demand as a lecturer.

In more formal English, **much** can sometimes be used without 'very' before a past participle or a preposition:

- The point has been much disputed.
- China has been much in the news recently.

II. **very**² **S2 W1** *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *adjective* [only before noun]

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: veraɪ from Latin verax 'truthful', from verus 'true']

used to emphasize that you are talking exactly about one particular thing or person:

- He died in this very room.
- I'll start at the very beginning.
- Those were his very words.
- You'd better start doing some work this very minute (=now, not later).
- That might provoke a riot, the very thing he was trying to avoid.
- The very fact that you are reading this book suggests you want to improve your fitness.
- By its very nature, capitalism involves exploitation of the worker.
- His life's work was being destroyed before his very eyes (=directly in front of him).

the very thought/idea/mention (of something) (=just thinking about or suggesting something)

- The very thought of food made me feel ill.

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COLLOCATIONS■ **nouns**

- **the very end** To the very end of his life he remained a controversial figure.
- **the very beginning** It is clear from the very beginning of the play that he is a weak and unpopular ruler.
- **the very heart of something** The hotel is located in the very heart of the city.
- **the very fact that** The very fact that this is their second home means that they are well-off.
- **the/that/this very moment** At that very moment, the doorbell rang.
- **the/that very thing** How can he say that it's wrong, and then go and do that very thing himself?

- **the very nature/essence of something** As a travel writer, the very nature of his job meant that he travelled a lot.
- **the very existence of something** If the new project fails, it could threaten the very existence of the company.
- **the very idea/thought** (=just an idea or suggestion) The very idea of acting on stage scares the pants off me.
- **this/that very reason** I want everyone to be able to cook my recipes, so for that very reason I chose inexperienced cooks to test them.

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