

nearly

[ˈniəli] *adv*

1. почти; чуть не

- nearly frozen - почти замёрзший
- nearly blind - полуслепой
- I was nearly drowned - я чуть /едва/ не утонул
- he is nearly twice as old as I - он почти вдвое старше меня
- a case nearly approaching this one - очень сходный /аналогичный/ случай

2. (о времени) около, приблизительно почти

- it's nearly ten o'clock - сейчас около десяти часов
- nearly one hundred years - почти сто лет

3. 1) близко; тесно, непосредственно

- nearly related - а) в близком родстве; б) имеющий близкое отношение, тесно связанный
- it concerns me nearly - это непосредственно меня касается
- to resemble nearly - иметь близкое сходство
- to be nearly acquainted with smth. - хорошо знать что-л.
- to be nearly interested in smth. - живо интересоваться чем-л.
- to be nearly concerned in smth. - быть тесно связанным с чем-л.

2) пристально, внимательно

- to examine smth. nearly - пристально разглядывать что-л.

4. в сочетаниях:

- not nearly - совсем не, далеко не, отнюдь не
- not nearly enough - отнюдь не достаточно; гораздо меньше, чем нужно
- not nearly so good - совсем не такой хороший, гораздо хуже
- it is not nearly as late as I thought - сейчас совсем не так поздно, как я думал
- I am not nearly ready - я ещё совсем не готов
- I have not nearly copied a half of my composition - я и половины сочинения ещё не успел переписать

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near·ly [ˈniəli] *BrE* [ˈniəli] *NAme* [ˈniɹli] *adverb*

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almost; not quite; not completely

- The bottle's nearly empty.
- I've worked here for nearly two years.
- It's nearly time to leave.
- The audience was nearly all men.
- He's nearly as tall as you are.
- They're nearly always late.
- She very nearly died.

more at pretty nearly **at** ↑pretty *adv.*

Idiom: ↑not nearly

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	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:

- He's nearly as tall as you are.
- I've got almost/nearly every CD they've made.
- I've worked here for nearly two years.
- It's nearly time to leave.

- She almost/nearly missed her train.
- The bottle's nearly empty.
- There were nearly 200 people at the meeting.
- They're nearly always late.

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near /ly S1 W1 /'ni:li \$ 'ni:li/ BrE " AmE " **adverb**

1. **especially British English** almost, but not quite or not completely **SYN almost:**

- " It took nearly two hours to get here.
- " Michelle's nearly twenty.
- " Is the job nearly finished?
- " Louise is nearly as tall as her mother.
- " I nearly always go home for lunch.
- " He very nearly died.

2. **not nearly** not at all:

- " He's not nearly as good-looking as his brother.
- " We've saved some money, but it's not nearly enough.

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GRAMMAR

Do not use **nearly** before negative words like 'no', 'nothing' etc. Instead, use **almost**, or say **hardly any**, **hardly anything** etc:

- I know almost nothing (NOT nearly nothing) about him.
- There was hardly any traffic (NOT nearly no traffic).

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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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