

Unit 67: SOME IMPORTANT ADVERBS

1 *Really / almost / hardly / just*

These words can give extra information about a whole sentence.

I really like football.	(I like it very much.)
I don't really like football.	(I'm not interested in it.)
I really don't like football.	(I hate it.)
I just don't like football.	(Simple fact: there is nothing more to say.)
We almost missed the train.	
We hardly had time to catch it.	(We caught the train but we had very little time.)
We just had time to catch it.	
I hardly know you.	(I know you, but very little.)
It's just around the corner.	(It's very near the corner.)

2 *Too / enough / very*

This light is very bright.	(a fact)
This light is too bright.	(bad: it hurts my eyes)
This light is bright enough .	(OK: I can see)
This light isn't bright enough .	(bad: I can't see)
He's driving very quickly.	(a fact)
He's driving too quickly.	(bad: it is dangerous)
He's driving quickly enough .	(OK: we will be on time)
He isn't driving quickly enough .	(bad: we will be late)

He's driving **too slowly** = He **isn't** driving **quickly enough**.

Enough is also an adjective:

There weren't **enough chairs** for the students to sit on. = There were **too many students** in the classroom.

Notice the positions:

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	enough	+	noun
	adjective	+	enough
	adverb	+	enough