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Complete the following sentences using appropriate adjectives or adverbs.

1. If you work too ................................................, you will fall ill.
   hard
   hardly

2. The country received ................................................. any rainfall this year.
   hard
   hardly

3. In a democratic country, everybody has the right to speak ..........................
   free
   freely

4. He hit the nail ..........................................................
5. The show was ........................................ amusing.
   high
   highly

6. Throw it as ........................................ as you can.
   high
   highly

7. He has ........................................ arrived.
   just
   justly

8. All criminals must be ........................................ punished for their crimes.
   just
   justly
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9. He is never ........................................ for work.

late
lately

10. I haven’t been to the theatre much ........................................

late
lately

Answers

1. If you work too hard, you will fall ill. (Hard can be used both as an adjective and as an adverb.)

2. The country received hardly any rainfall this year. (Hardly means almost not.)

3. In a democratic country everybody has the right to speak freely. (Freely means without limit or restriction.)

4. He hit the nail hard.

5. The show was highly amusing. (Highly expresses an extreme degree.)

6. Throw it as high as you can. (High refers to height.)
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7. He has just arrived. (Just is an adverb of time.)

8. All criminals must be justly punished for their crimes.

9. He is never late for work.

10. I haven’t been to the theatre much lately. (Lately means recently.)