

# Modification of Adjectives and Adverbs

Some adjectives and adverbs refer to qualities which are gradable. We use some words and expressions to add the idea of degree to gradable adjectives and adverbs. Common examples of these words are: *too, as, so, enough, very, rather, quite, pretty, how, a little, a bit*.

Fill in the blanks with an appropriate degree modifier.

1. It was ..... unpleasant experience.

- a bit
- a little
- a rather

2. She looked .....unhappy.

- a bit
- a little
- rather

3. You are not ..... to be a soldier.

- tall enough
- enough tall
- too tall

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4. I can't tell you ..... pleased I am about the result.

how

how much

what

5. I thought the house was ..... small.

a little

little

Either could be used here

6. .... can you speak English?

How

How well

Either could be used here

7. He is ..... creative.

not very

little

not little

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8. Her condition is ..... serious.

very

very much

Either could be used here

9. You should come ..... quickly as you can.

as

as much

Either could be used here

10. I don't care ..... expensive it is.

how

how much

Either could be used here

11. It is ..... cold today.

very

very much

very little

All of these

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12. Today is ..... colder than yesterday.

very

very much

Either could be used here

## Answers

1. It was a rather unpleasant experience.
2. She looked rather unhappy.
3. You are not tall enough to be a soldier.
4. I can't tell you how pleased I am about the result.
5. I thought the house was a little small.
6. How well can you speak English?
7. He is not very creative.
8. Her condition is very serious.
9. You should come as quickly as you can.
10. I don't care how expensive it is.
11. It is very cold today.

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12. Today is very / very much colder than yesterday.