

Fill in the blanks.

1. Your handwriting is good, but you can improve it.

fairly
quite
rather
pretty

If something is fairly good, it is not very good. It is satisfactory. Fairly does not suggest a very high degree.

2. He is tall. He should be able to join the basketball team.

fairly
rather
quite

If he is quite or rather tall, then height will not be an issue at all.

3. My room looks neat and tidy. I don't have to clean it for at least a week.

fairly
quite
rather

Either quite or rather can be used here. Both of them express a higher degree than fairly.

4. The exam was difficult. I don't think that I will pass.

fairly
rather
quite

Either quite or rather can be used here.

5. His books are difficult to understand. I don't enjoy reading them at all.

rather
fairly
quite

Rather and quite indicate a very high degree.

6. She can speak German fluently. People often think she is German.

quite
rather

Either could be used here

Rather and quite indicate a very high degree.

7. It is foolish of you to behave like that.

quite
rather

Either could be used here

8. Her speeches are interesting. I make it a point to listen to them.

rather
fairly

Either could be used here

Rather suggests a very higher degree than fairly.

9. Our team's performance was a disappointment.

pretty
fairly
quite

Both quite and rather can modify nouns and verbs.

10. I enjoy her company.

rather

pretty

fairly

Rather can modify verbs.

11. I was disappointed with my results.

rather

fairly

Either could be used here

If you are quite disappointed, then you are really disappointed.

12. You had better not go out now. It is cold.

rather

quite

pretty

All of the above

All of these expressions suggest very high degrees of something.

PLAY AGAIN !

Answers

1. Your handwriting is fairly good, but you can improve it.
2. He is fairly tall. He should be able to join the basketball team.
3. My room looks rather / quite neat and tidy. I don't have to clean it for at least a week.
4. The exam was rather / quite difficult. I don't think that I will pass.
5. His books are rather difficult to understand. I don't enjoy reading them at all.
6. She can speak German rather / quite fluently. People often think she is German.
7. It is quite / rather foolish of you to behave like that.

8. Her speeches are rather interesting. I make it a point to listen to them.
9. Our team's performance was quite / rather a disappointment.
10. I quite / rather enjoy her company.
11. I was rather disappointed with my results.
12. You had better not go out now. It is rather / quite / pretty cold.