

6.3 Vocabulary development

Vocabulary adverbs of degree

1 Put the adverbs of degree in (brackets) into the sentences.

- There are a lot of old buildings in the city. (very)
There are a lot of very old buildings in the city.
- It's common to see tourists in my town. (quite)

- The palace that we visited was interesting. (really)

- The tour guide's talk was boring. (a bit)

- The people in the hotel were unfriendly. (very)

- The seats on the bus were uncomfortable. (a bit)

- It's cold here in winter. (really)

- It's expensive to have a holiday in England. (quite)

2 Choose the best options to complete the sentences.

- The museum was *a bit / very* boring, but it was OK – I saw some interesting things there.
- His French is *a bit / quite* good, but he doesn't understand everything.
- I think tourism is *really / a bit* important for our town.
- Steve Jobs, the founder of Apple computers, was *a bit / very* successful businessman.
- The tickets for the art exhibition were *a bit / quite* cheap.
- I like my new boss. She's *very / quite* friendly.
- It's *really / a bit* hot today – the temperature is 39°C.
- We were *a bit / really* late – we arrived five minutes after the start of the film.

PRONUNCIATION sentence stress

3a 6.4 Listen to the sentences. Underline the stressed words.

- He's a bit unfriendly.
- Those bags are quite cheap.
- She's really friendly.
- This is a very interesting article.

b 6.4 Listen again. Pause the listening and repeat after each sentence.

Vocabulary review

4 Write the time expressions in the correct column.

1974 2011 a long time night the sixteenth century
the summer three months two weeks week year

in	last	ago
<i>the sixteenth century</i>		

5 Complete the collocations. Use words/phrases from the box.

a competition an email house a letter a long time
a meal a relative someone

- enter *a competition*
- move _____
- post _____
- prepare _____
- receive _____
- shout at _____
- visit _____
- wait _____

6 Put the sentences in the correct order from strong to weak.

It's a bit cold. It's quite hot. It's really boring.
It's very expensive.

