

Today's Pattern (今日のパターン)

Adverb of Degree (fairly / quite / rather)

(程度を表す副詞 fairly / quite / rather)

Today's Sentences (今日の例文)

The book that I read was fairly entertaining.

(私が読んだ本はかなり愉快でした。)

Lisa's cake was quite sweet.

(リサのケーキはかなり甘かったです。)

I am rather tired tonight.

(私は今夜かなり疲れています。)



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Objectives of this material (このテキストの目的)

1. Broaden word expressions, not only to understand but also to construct them.  
(基本文型を理解するだけでなく、使いこなせるようになる)
2. Gain confidence in speaking by completing simple practice conversations.  
(簡単な会話練習から始めて、英会話の自信をつける)
3. Feel your progress and enjoy English!  
(自分の上達を実感し、英語を楽しむ)

Previous Lessons Review (これまでのレッスンの復習) (5-10 min)

Directions: Practice the sentence pattern of your previous lessons. (これまで勉強したパターンを復習しましょう)

0-1. Quantifiers

**Tutor:** Hi! It's great to see you. What do you have there?

**Student:** Oh, just \_\_\_\_\_ oranges for my daughter.

0-2. Quantifiers

**Tutor:** Somebody's coming.

**Student:** He's probably one of the \_\_\_\_\_ performers tonight.

0-3. Adverb of Frequency

**Tutor:** Do you always visit your grandparents?

**Student:** I do, but \_\_\_\_\_ I visit them on weekdays.

0-4. - also / as well / too -

**Tutor:** What will you do tomorrow?

**Student:** I will attend my French class and buy some groceries from the supermarket \_\_\_\_\_.

0-5. - much / far / any / a lot / a little -

**Tutor:** What kind of music do you listen to?

**Student:** I like \_\_\_\_\_.

## Grammar Review (文法の復習) (5-10 min)

The adverbs of degree – *fairly* –, – *quite* –, and – *rather* – are used to modify adjectives or adverbs to make their meaning weaker or stronger.

Adverb of Degree	Fairly	Quite	Rather
Meaning	- Moderately, not good, not bad.	- Usually means to a very noticeable degree or extent.	- Suggests ideas such as ‘more than is usual’, ‘more than was expected’ or ‘more than was wanted.’
Usage	Often used before positive adjectives	1. It is used before positive and negative adjectives. 2. Often used before non-gradable adjectives*	Often used before negative adjectives
Examples	The book that I read was <i>fairly</i> entertaining.	1. Time passes <i>quite</i> fast. 2. His painting is <i>quite</i> unique.	I am <i>rather</i> tired tonight.
Difference	- Not very strong.	- Is a little stronger in meaning than <i>fairly</i> .	- Stronger than <i>quite</i> and <i>fairly</i> .

\* A non-gradable adjective cannot be used to say that something is more or less: e.g. A glass cannot be more empty or less empty. / An animal cannot be more dead or less dead.

Note: The stress and intonation of the words – *fairly* –, – *quite* –, and – *rather* – affects how weak or how strong the meaning becomes.

*Example:* The book that I read was fairly entertaining!  
(Means: *I enjoyed it on the whole.*)

The book that I read was fairly entertaining.  
(Means: *I didn't enjoy it that much.*)

### 程度を表す副詞

動詞・形容詞・他の副詞や句・節・文全体などを修飾する語を副詞といいます。「かなり」などの程度を表す副詞は、修飾する形容詞や副詞の強弱を示します。このレッスンでは、程度を表す副詞 *fairly*、*quite*、*rather* の基本的な用法を勉強します。

### 副詞 [*fairly*]

*fairly* は肯定的な意味をもつ語句を修飾し「いくぶん」「かなり」という意味を表します。*dead* や *wonderful* のように比較ができない語句（『いくぶん』という表現ができない語句）に用いることはできません。

例文: The book that I read was *fairly* entertaining.  
(私が読んだ本はかなり愉快でした。)

### 副詞 [*quite*]

*quite* は普通の形容詞・副詞・動詞を修飾し、「かなり」を意味します。また比較ができない語句を修飾する場合は「完全に」「本当に」を意味します。

例文: Lisa's cake was *quite* sweet.  
(リサのケーキはかなり甘かったです。)  
The wedding was *quite* spectacular!  
(結婚式は本当に見事でした。)  
I *quite* agree with you.  
(あなたの意見に完全に賛成です。)

### 副詞 [*rather*]

*rather* は *fairly* や *quite* よりも強く「いくぶん」「かなり」を意味します。たいてい否定的な意味で用いられますが、良い意味の形容詞に用いられる場合は「驚くほどに」「予想以上に」を意味します。

例文: I am *rather* tired tonight.  
(私は今夜かなり疲れています。)  
The old man is *rather* strong for his age!  
(その老人はあの年齢にしては驚くほどに強いです!)

Exercise 1 (エクササイズ 1) (2-4 min)

Directions: Repeat after your tutor. (講師に続けて言ってください)

*Example (例文) :*                    *The book that I read was fairly entertaining.*  
(私が読んだ本はかなり愉快でした。)

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| 1-1. | The dinner | was fairly appetizing. (かなり食欲をそそりました。)<br>was fairly well done. (大成功でした。)<br>tastes fairly delicious. (かなりおいしかったです。)<br>fairly passed the food critic's standards.<br>(料理評論家の基準をかなり上回るものでした。) |
| 1-2. | The movie  | was quite good.<br>was quite awful.<br>was quite well-made.<br>excited me quite a bit.<br>quite satisfied the audience.   |
| 1-3. | My friends | are rather noisy.<br>are rather smart.<br>eat rather slow.<br>play baseball rather well.  |



## Exercise 3 (エクササイズ 3) (3-6 min)

Directions: Match the words below to make a correct sentence or phrase. There may be multiple combinations. Choose the best answer. (左と右の言葉を組み合わせて文を完成させてください。対応する組み合わせはひとつとは限りませんが、その中で最も適切な答えを選びなさい。)

The apartment is \_\_\_\_\_

3-1. fairly pretty	for two people.
3-2. quite spacious	the train station.
3-3. rather far from	for an average earner.
3-4. rather expensive	to live in.
3-5. fairly comfortable	from the outside.

Melanie thinks \_\_\_\_\_

3-6. I'm rather mature	than her classmates.
3-7. she's fairly clever	pleasant last night.
3-8. her date was rather	quite rude.
3-9. her sister is	for her English exam.
3-10. she's fairly prepared	for my age.

spacious: 広々とした

Exercise 4 (エクササイズ 4) (3-6 min)

Directions: Practice having a conversation with your tutor. (講師と会話を練習しましょう)

**Tutor:** Do you like that book?

**Student:** Yes, it's <quite / largely / bored> fun to read.

**Tutor:** Can you tell me more about it?

**Student:** Sure. It tells a story of a reluctant heroine who saved the kingdom from a dictator. I was <rather / fairly / too> amused with her character. I think she is my new favorite character.

**Tutor:** Sounds interesting. Who is the author?

**Student:** Michael Harris. He is <quite / rarely / amazing> famous.

**Tutor:** I think I will go check out his books at the bookstore later. Want to come with me?

**Student:** No, thank you. I would <rather / very / too> stay at home and finish this book if you don't mind. I can't wait to read the ending.

**Tutor:** Wow! You seem so engrossed with that book.

**Student:** It is <quite / very / not> an awesome book to read. I highly recommend it.

reluctant: 気が進まない／消極的な heroine: ヒロイン dictator: 独裁者  
check out: 調べる engrossed: 夢中になった



Exercise 5 (エクササイズ 5) (3-6 min)

Directions: Practice having a conversation with your tutor. (講師と会話を練習しましょう)

- Tutor:** Lily looks tired, don't you think?  
(リリー-疲れてるみたいじゃない?)
- Student:** Yes, she looks \_\_\_\_\_ exhausted. She just arrived from Paris.  
(うん。\_\_\_\_ぐったりしてるよね。パリから戻ったばかりだから。)
- Tutor:** Poor Lily. She should have taken the day off. By the way, have you ever been to Paris?  
(かわいそう。1日くらい休めばいいのに。ねえ、パリに行ったことある?)
- Student:** No, but they say it's \_\_\_\_\_ romantic there. It is known as the city of love.  
(ないけど、\_\_\_\_ロマンティックな所だっていうよね。『愛の街』っていうし。)
- Tutor:** I would give anything to go there. I want to visit the Louvre and the Eiffel Tower but I don't have the money nor the time.  
(すごく行きたいなあ。ルーブル美術館とエッフェル塔を見たいけどお金も時間もなくて。)
- Student:** I know. Traveling there is \_\_\_\_\_ costly.  
(だよ。パリ旅行って\_\_\_\_お金かかるもん。)
- Tutor:** That's true, but I wish we could go there someday.  
(うん。でも、いつか行ってみたいな。)
- Student:** Me, too, but I'm \_\_\_\_\_ busy nowadays.  
(私も。でも最近\_\_\_\_忙しいんだ。)

**Exercise 6** (エクササイズ 6) (5-10 min)

Directions: Practice and enjoy a free talk with your tutor. (講師とフリートークを楽しみながら練習してください)

Guide Questions from the tutor: (講師は次の質問で会話を始めます)

- 6-1. How well do you speak English?
- 6-2. How good is your reading comprehension skill?
- 6-3. Do you have problems listening to native speakers?
- 6-4. How confident are you in engaging in casual conversations with native speakers?