



WORDS AND EXPRESSIONS

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Softening Adverbs

നേരത്തെ പരിചയപ്പെട്ട intensifying adverbs ന്റെ നേരെ വിപരീതമാണ് softening adverbs. വിശേഷണത്തെ മയപ്പെടുത്തുകയാണ് ഇവയുടെ ധർമ്മം.

I was **deeply** offended by his remarks എന്നാൽ 'അവന്റെ അഭിപ്രായപ്രകടനങ്ങൾ എന്നെ വല്ലാതെ വേദനിപ്പിച്ചു' എന്നർത്ഥം. I was **mildly** offended by his remarks എന്നാൽ 'അവന്റെ അഭിപ്രായപ്രകടനങ്ങൾ എന്നെ നേരിയ തോതിൽ വേദനിപ്പിച്ചു' എന്നും.

deeply ഒരു intensifier ആണെങ്കിൽ mildly ഒരു softener ആണ്. ഇംഗ്ലീഷിലെ ചില പ്രധാനപ്പെട്ട softening adverbs ഉദാഹരണ വാക്യങ്ങൾ സഹിതം താഴെ:

1. **almost** (ഏറെക്കുറെ)

I was almost asleep when you knocked the door.

2. **approximately** (സുമാർ)

The meeting lasted approximately an hour.

3. **averagely** (ശരാശരി)

The books are priced averagely.

4. **barely** (കഷ്ടിച്ച്)
We could barely read the instructions printed on the label.

5. **blandly** (സൗമ്യമായി)
She smiled blandly at me.

6. **faintly** (നേരിയതോതിൽ)
We could hear his sound only faintly.



7. *feebly* (ദുർബലമായി)
 "I am sorry" the girl said feebly.
 8. *gently* (ശാന്തമായി)
 The officer talked gently to me.
 9. *hardly* (കഷ്ടിച്ച്)
 I could hardly read what he wrote.
 10. *indifferently*
 (നിസ്സംഗമായി)
 They treated us indifferently.

11. *just* (കഷ്ടിച്ച്)
 It was just a typing error.
 12. *lightly* (ലഘുവായി)
 We eat lightly in the morning.
 13. *loosely* (അയഞ്ഞ)
 His hands lay loosely.
 14. *marginally* (നിസ്സാരമായി)
 The percentage of full A plus
 holders improved marginally this
 year.

15. *mildly* (മൃദുവായി)
 She talked mildly.
 16. *minimally* (ഏറ്റവും കുറഞ്ഞ)
 The bus service was minimally
 affected by the strike.
 17. *minutely* (സൂക്ഷ്മമായി)
 The inspection team examined the
 records minutely.
 18. *moderately* (മിതമായി)
 The programme was moderately
 successful.
 19. *narrowly* (കഷ്ടിച്ച്)
 The police were behind him. But
 somehow he escaped narrowly.



20. *nearly* (ഏകദേശം)
 The street was nearly empty.
 21. *nominally* (നാമമാത്രമായ)
 They are nominally Muslims.
 22. *partly* (ഭാഗികമായി)
 She partly agreed to do the job.
 23. *quietly* (ശാന്തമായി)
 The old man worked quietly.
 24. *reasonably* (ന്യായമായ)
 They priced meals reasonably.
 25. *roughly* (ഏതാണ്ട്)
 I roughly spent 7000 so far.
 26. *slightly* (നേരിയ)
 She is slightly taller than her sister.
 27. *scarcely* (വിരളമായി)
 I was scarcely able to move my
 arm after the accident.
 28. *softly* (മൃദുവായി)
 He closed the door softly.
 29. *somewhat* (ഏറെക്കുറെ)
 We were somewhat tired after
 our long walk.
 30. *tolerably* (സഹ്യമായി)
 She speaks Hindi tolerably well.

ZOOM GLOOM

Distance learning. What a bore.
Our school's been closed a month or more.
I'm stuck at home. I'm in my room,
and meeting with my class on Zoom.

There's no more lunchroom. No PE.
Just studying and tests for me.
There's no more recess. No more ball.
Just staring at my bedroom wall.

The playground's closed
the swings, the slide—
and everybody's stuck inside.
We can't go out and play with friends.
I hope that, pretty soon, this ends.

I know it's only for a while,
but here's a thought that makes me smile:
Although it might not sound so cool,
I just can't wait to go to school.

● Kenn Nesbitt





THE LION AND THE MOUSE

A lion was once sleeping in the jungle when a mouse started running up and down his body just for fun. This disturbed the lion's sleep, and he woke up quite angry. He was about to eat the mouse when the mouse desperately requested the lion to set him free. "I promise you, I will be of great help to you someday if you save me." The lion laughed at the mouse's confidence and let him go.

One day, a few hunters came into the forest and took the lion with them. They tied him up against a tree. The lion was struggling to get out and started to whimper. Soon, the mouse walked past and noticed the lion in trouble. Quickly, he ran and gnawed on the ropes to set the lion free. Both of them sped off into the jungle.