

Adverbs

A Complete the sentences using adverbs from the box.

apparently basically initially relatively significantly thus ultimately widely

- The test results seem impressive until you realize that the number of people surveyed was _____ small.
- Although they have different approaches, they are _____ saying the same thing.
- Class sizes have increased _____ over the last ten years.
- In 2018 they opened an arts centre in the town, _____ creating exciting possibilities for artists in the area.
- It has been _____ reported in the press that the government spent £2 million on the project.
- She promised that she would never sell the house but I've just seen a 'for sale' sign outside, so _____ she was lying.
- Everything seemed to go well _____, but later people began to argue and disagree.
- Although it may seem like a good thing at first, this change will _____ lead to higher food prices.

B Choose the correct adverbs to complete the sentences.

- They are doing similar projects, but their goals are *thus / somewhat / widely* different.
- They have only invested a small amount of money because this is a *widely / thus / relatively* new technology.
- The problems with the health service are *largely / significantly / relatively* due to lack of funding.
- She was last to leave the building and was *relatively / thus / widely* responsible for locking the door.
- They came here *significantly / basically / initially* for twelve months, but have now decided to stay here permanently.
- Apparently / Thus / Relatively* she wants to move to the city, but she hasn't mentioned it to me.
- He is *relatively / basically / significantly* right when he says that children are more able to adapt to change.
- It is now *apparently / ultimately / widely* accepted that social media plays a big part in teenage mental health problems.

C Complete the second sentence so that it has the same meaning as the first. Use some of the adverbs from exercises A and B.

- The main reason that these plants are popular is because they don't need much water.
These plants are popular _____ because they don't require much water.
- Average summer temperatures in the city are a lot higher than in the winter.
Average summer temperatures in the city are _____ higher than in the winter.
- It was in the summer of that year that he met the woman who would finally become his wife.
It was in the summer of that year that he met the woman who would _____ become his wife.
- She came in and began shouting at everyone, in this way making the situation worse.
She came in and began shouting at everyone, _____ making the situation worse.
- The situation has changed to some degree since I was at university.
The situation has changed _____ since I was at university.
- These techniques are used by a lot of people in the industry.
These techniques are _____ used in the industry.