

## Evaluating ideas

When you want to expand on an idea, you can use adjectives or adverbs with adjectives. Being able to use even a small range of adjectives and adverbs flexibly can help improve your fluency in writing and speaking.

### ► Activity 1

1. Do the following adverbs, which mean 'very', typically occur with the adjective *helpful*? Circle the correct answer.

enormously                      Yes / No

extremely                        Yes / No

immensely                        Yes / No

2. What other adverbs can you use with the same meaning?

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\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Which two adverbs are informal?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Do *especially* and *particularly* occur with the adjective *helpful*?

\_\_\_\_\_

5. What prepositions can you use with *helpful*?

\_\_\_\_\_

### ► Activity 2

Can all of these adverbs be used with both *beneficial* and *harmful*?

	<i>beneficial</i>	<i>harmful</i>
enormously	Yes / No	Yes / No
especially	Yes / No	Yes / No
extremely	Yes / No	Yes / No
highly	Yes / No	Yes / No

hugely                              Yes / No                      Yes / No

immensely                        Yes / No                      Yes / No

particularly                        Yes / No                      Yes / No

### ► Activity 3

Which adjectives have the same meaning as the words in brackets?

1. (important) benefit

\_\_\_\_\_

2. (great) value

\_\_\_\_\_

3. (great) significance

\_\_\_\_\_

4. (bad) effect

\_\_\_\_\_

### ► Activity 4

Look for words in the dictionary to fill in the first gap in the sentences below. Fill in the second gap with your own choice of word(s).

1. Is cycling every day beneficial? Yes, I think so. It brings

e \_\_\_\_\_ benefit to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

2. What is the significance of learning history at school?

It is e \_\_\_\_\_ significant for \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

3. Is travelling abroad of value to young people? Yes, it is

i \_\_\_\_\_ valuable, because it \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

4. How important are traditional skills nowadays? They

are a \_\_\_\_\_ crucial, as \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.