1 **Language focus** intensifying adverbs

Complete the blog with these intensifying adverbs. There is sometimes more than one possible answer.

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Tina recently converted a disused public toilet in London into her very own subterranean flat. The space is 1 ________ small, but it’s got everything she needs. Here’s what she says about the project:

‘The building hadn’t been used for over ten years, and the place was 2 ________ filthy. So my first task was to clean it up and clear the space. That was 3 ________ a big job, as you can imagine! Being an architect, I had a clear idea of how the space could work so I set about putting my design ideas into practice. The work took about six months in all – by the end I was 4 ________ exhausted, but at the same time 5 ________ delighted with the result. My builders were brilliant and I was 6 ________ grateful to them for all the extra hours they put in to finish the job. Some of my friends didn’t agree 7 ________ with my plan – they thought it was rather off the wall. But it’s amazing how much space I managed to create and it was definitely worth it as I now have a two-bedroom flat in the centre of London, which was always my dream.’

2 **Vocabulary** adverb and adjective collocations

Complete the sentences with adjectives to make collocations.

1 I think he was wildly ________ when he said he’d be finished by midday. It’s nearly two o’clock already and he’s only halfway through!

2 They were desperately ________ with the weather: it’s usually beautiful in June.

3 The renovation of the house was painfully ________, because they had to rebuild most of the walls brick by brick.

4 The actor’s face is vaguely ________. Have I seen him before in another film?

5 I didn’t believe my parents when they said they were going to take a gap year and rent out their house, but they were deadly ________!

6 Did the architect request payment within 30 days? I think that’s perfectly ________ . She’s done the work after all.

7 I didn’t think the film was the funniest I’ve ever seen, but I was mildly ________ by it.

8 James didn’t realise why Stella decided to leave the company, but it was patently ________ to everyone else that she’d had enough of the long working hours.
3 Vocabulary describing buildings and features in a home

Complete the conversation using words to do with buildings or features in a home. The first letter has been given for you.

A: How’s your new flat?
B: It’s great, thanks. It’s a 1 m________ flat – I didn’t want anything old-fashioned. And it’s easy to clean because everything’s new. But I’d love to have somewhere to sit out in the evening.

A: You mean like a 2 c________ – where you feel as if you’re outside, but you’re still sheltered if it’s cold? My parents have got one of those on the back of their house.

B: No, I mean to sit outside, and have a few plants and things.

A: Oh, isn’t there a 3 r________ g________ at the top of the building?
B: Yes, there is, but I’m afraid of heights!

A: OK, well, did you say the block has a 4 g________? Is that right?
B: Yes, that’s right – and it’s perfect because I must do more exercise and get fit this year. I’ll have no excuses now! Oh and guess what – my bedroom has a 5 w________ which means plenty of space for all my clothes.

A: That sounds very useful! And does the flat have a spare room? I know Juan wanted a 6 g________ to put a snooker table in the flat.
B: No, the flat’s not that big. He’ll just have to go to Tom’s if he wants to play snooker!

4 Language focus emphatic structures

Rewrite these sentences adding more emphasis. Use the words in brackets.

1 I like staying in a hotel when I’m on holiday. (do)
   I ____________________________ staying in a hotel when I’m on holiday.

2 The soup is very nice, but I love the bread. (it)
   The soup is very nice, but I ____________________________ the bread.

3 I don’t often have the time to take a lunch break. (rarely)
   Rarely ____________________________ take a lunch break.

4 I don’t like the colour of that new office block. (thing)
   I ____________________________ the colour of that new office block.

5 I enjoyed visiting the new museum – the architecture was very striking. (did)
   I ____________________________ visiting the new museum – the architecture was very striking.

6 The town needs more green spaces for people to spend their free time in. (what)
   The town needs ____________________________ for people to spend their free time in.

5 Word focus wall

Complete the sentences to make expressions with wall.

1 It must be hard to be an author, coming up with ideas all the time. Did you hear about that author who ____________________________ a wall and couldn’t write for ten years?

2 I’m sorry, but your suggestions for the renovation are a little ____________________________ the wall for us. Our customers prefer more traditional ideas.

3 It used to be such a successful family business, but it’s lost so much money. It finally ____________________________ to the wall last year and had to close down.

4 The teacher feels as if he’s banging his ____________________________ against a brick wall. His students just don’t take any notice of what he’s saying.

5 He never tidies or does the washing up. The mess ____________________________ me up the wall!

6 I haven’t got any money. I need to go to the ____________________________ in the wall before we go and eat.