

Using Pretty

The Greek Islands are really pretty.

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Pretty is often used to mean that something is nice to look at.

The Greek Islands are really **pretty**.

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Pretty can also be used to mean **very**.

We could get **pretty** wet without this umbrella.

This storm looks **very** bad.



Pretty can also be used to mean **fairly** (somewhat).

Is your teacher
pretty flexible
about due dates?

She is **fairly** flexible, but
she does expect to have
our work in on time.



Pretty can be used in the same way as **very**.

The storm looks **pretty** bad.

The storm looks **very** bad.

similar meaning

We could get **pretty** wet.

We could get **very** wet.

similar meaning

Pretty is usually used when the situation isn't as serious (**pretty** bad < **very** bad).

Pretty does not have the same meaning as **too**.

The bottle was **pretty** hard to open.

→ I opened it.

The bottle was **too** hard to open.

→ I didn't open it.

This test is
pretty hard,
but I can do it.

This test is
too hard. I
can't do it.



Click on the best word to complete the sentence.

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very

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pretty

It is **pretty** difficult to become an astronaut.

It is **very** difficult to become an astronaut.

Too difficult means it is **not possible**.

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