

Abstract

The objective of the present thesis is to analyze 15 intensifying adverbs homonymous with adjectives. The focus is on simple intensifying adverbs only and incorporates an analysis of in what context and under which circumstances these intensifiers are used. Attention was paid to frequency of occurrence, collocation restrictions, type of text and differences between British and American English. The intensifiers were sourced from grammar books, dictionaries, websites and from English native speakers' suggestions, and explored using the *British National Corpus* and the *Corpus of Contemporary American English*.