



COLLOCATIONS: Adverb+ Adjective

Collocation refers to two words that often are used together to form a single expression.

In these examples, the adverb will play the role of enhancing the adjective.

Let's get started!

Ridiculously easy

very simple; very easy.
The test is ridiculously easy! I didn't even study, but I will get a high score!

Strongly opposed

Used to describe a person who feels strongly against a certain thing or idea.
My friend Ali is strongly opposed to smoking.

Utterly ridiculous

Used when we encounter completely absurd situations in life.
You'll look utterly ridiculous if you dress like a teenager when you're sixty

Deeply concerned

Used to describe a person who is very worried about something.
I am deeply concerned about the future of our company these days.

Vaguely familiar

Used when someone mentions something that you've heard of, but don't know much about.
I don't know who he is but his face is vaguely familiar.

Sorely missed

Used when you miss someone so much it hurts.
Our English teacher will be sorely missed when she retires.

Tip-off

Collocation mistakes non-natives usually make:

- Popular reputation - when they want to refer someone having a high status in the society. The correct phrase or collocation is '**well-deserved reputation**', '**considerable reputation**'.
- Well known belief - The right collocation for this situation is '**widespread belief**' that refers to the belief common and known to everyone.

