

Teaching Guides

Target Students:

Junior Secondary

Teaching Objective:

To help students identify the difference between “high” and “highly” and master the usage of the two words and other similar cognate adverbs

Corpus Used:

Corpus of Contemporary American English (COCA)

1. Read the text. Fill in the blanks with the proper forms of the words from the box below.

high highly



Lilian is on the school team of _____ jump. She has hard training every day under her coach's supervision. After two years' persistent training, she can jump _____ than anybody else in her school. At the sports meeting last week, she entered for the _____ jump and jumped _____ among all the players. She also set a new school record for the _____ jump. Therefore, her coach is very proud of her and always speaks _____ of her.



In this text, **high** is used both as an a _____ and a _____, while **highly** is an a _____.

So, what is the different usage between **high** and **highly** as an a _____?

Let's figure it out in COCA!

2. Look at the concordance lines below and see if you can find the answers to Question 1 by yourself, then check and discuss with your partner.

Pair Work:
Discovery Activity

a.

Corpus of Contemporary American English							
SEARCH				FREQUENCY		CONTEXT	
							ACCOUNT
1	2017	SPOK	CNN: Anderson Cooper	A	B	C	in politics. Well, it's one thing to support a candidate or speak highly of a candidate or actually do programs like some people have done. I'm
2	2017	FIC	FantasySciFi	A	B	C	reason except appearances. It helped that the last two wardens didn't just speak highly of me, they insisted that no one else was qualified. And most imp
3	2017	NEWS	New York Post	A	B	C	guy that's been in the league for countless years to come up and speak highly of Marcus and I... it was really humbling." # Todd Bowles
4	2016	FIC	Bk:DrapeExpectations	A	B	C	" Well, good, " Caprice said with a smile. " I speak highly of him. " # Ace gave a chuckle. " As I told you
5	2016	FIC	The Massachusetts Review	A	B	C	as the classroom empties out. " You have a good reputation. People speak highly of you. " # He thanks her for her kind words, words that
6	2016	FIC	The Massachusetts Review	A	B	C	with children and their parents. Then his patients became mostly adults. People speak highly of him. Oh, people speak of him. He's alive. Relief
7	2016	NEWS	USA TODAY	A	B	C	the review I directed has led to these changes, and I can't speak highly enough of Secretary Mabus for making these changes that will mark forever the h
8	2015	SPOK	CNN: Anderson Cooper	A	B	C	way. GRIFFIN# It's obvious why Mannatech wanted a highly respected neurosurgeon to speak highly of its product. What is not so obvious, is why a respe
9	2014	NEWS	WashPost	A	B	C	appears to take care of the authors who write for her. They certainly speak highly of her. " In a 2010 interview with Express, Zane said that her
10	2013	NEWS	Denver	A	B	C	their first seasons. Players on the Avalanche who have participated in that system speak highly of it, and when asked if there's much of a difference betw
11	2011	ACAD	MusicEduc	A	B	C	no replacement for personal communication. Taking the time to initiate a conversation will speak highly of your determination to succeed in the grant-w
12	2010	NEWS	Denver	A	B	C	both Pete and I feel our greatest emotion is gratitude. # We can not speak highly enough of Denver Health and the doctors, nurses and support staff whc
13	2009	FIC	FantasySciFi	A	B	C	suspected to be scandal - " " Yes, the innkeeper I mentioned did speak highly of this Endrago. - But what's this about a scandal? The founders -
14	2009	NEWS	WashPost	A	B	C	telling Gates that he didn't know Fallon but that he had heard Keane speak highly of him. # It was an exchange Petraeus would remember ruefully. Over
15	2007	MAG	Jet	A	B	C	Radio personalities Pooch and Laiya from WPHI, the Beat, in Philadelphia, speak highly of the rapper and his music. " I believe Common has become a ho
16	2006	MAG	Atlantic	A	B	C	invite you to the prom, or to treat you well, or to speak highly of you to his friends, or to spend long hours thinking about how he
17	2006	NEWS	WashPost	A	B	C	Mayo, a household name in basketball circles since middle school, continued to speak highly of the coach. Kansas State and Southern California were am

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7	2003	FIC	HudsonRev	A	B	C	in a place of great natural abundance and beauty, which it had never valued highly enough or used well enough, had damaged, and yet had not destroyed				
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SHOW DUPLICATES

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Bleacher Report

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The Atlantic

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3. Answering Question 1 – 2. Groups can then feedback to each other, explaining the words.

Small Group Work:
Discovery Activity

- 1) Please choose a verb to **paraphrase** (解释) the highlighted phrase in picture a.

Speak highly could be paraphrased by ()

A. shout B. claim C. emphasize D. praise

- 2) Please pay attention to the verbs (before the word **highly** and **high**) in the picture b and picture c, and then answer the questions below.

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4. Try it yourself

Now, are you familiar with the use of *high* and *highly*? Try to summarize the use patterns of the two adverbs. Groups can then feedback to each other, explaining the adverbs. The first example of each word has been done for you.

**Small Group Work:
Explorative Activity**

high (please list out another *TWO* use patterns)

Use pattern	Examples from the corpus
1. verb (a specific act or action) + <i>high</i>	The bird was flying high and wanted to keep flying.
2.	
3.	

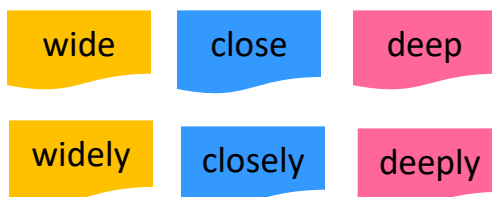
highly (please list out another *TWO* use patterns)

Use pattern	Examples from the corpus
1. verb (an abstract process) + <i>highly</i>	People speak highly of you.
2.	
3.	

5. **Summary** of the difference between **cognate adverbs**. Match up the words and the language use.

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| 1) We use adverbs without -ly to | a) describe an abstract process |
| 2) We use adverbs with -ly to | b) describe a specific act or action |

6. Here are three more **cognate adverbs** that are similar to 'high' and 'highly'. Try to search them in the corpus and find out their use patterns.



wide (*please list out two use patterns*)

Use pattern	Examples from the corpus
1.	
2.	

widely (*please list out two use patterns*)

Use pattern	Examples from the corpus
1.	
2.	

close (*please list out two use patterns*)

Use pattern	Examples from the corpus
1.	
2.	

closely (*please list out two use patterns*)

Use pattern	Examples from the corpus
1.	
2.	

deep (please list out two use patterns)

Use pattern	Examples from the corpus
1.	
2.	

deeply (please list out two use patterns)

Use pattern	Examples from the corpus
1.	
2.	

7. Writing and Oral Task.

Please write an interesting story using at least 5 words in the first line below and then share with your partner. The second and third line contain some verbs which can be collocated with the cognate adverbs for your reference. You may use them or not.

high, highly, wide, widely, close, closely, deep, deeply
jump, fly, travel, speak, watch, dig, love, open, stand, listen, study,
move, use, think, sink, interest, hurt, hate, climb, run, walk
(*Try to use language patterns found in Task 6)

You can begin your story like this:

My best friend Johnson has travelled widely across China....