

Adverbs with Adjectives

Ref Hsk4 Grammar

+ + — “quite, pretty”

... is a laid-back “quite, pretty, rather” — a relaxed, conversational intensifier that almost always wraps up with . It’s softer than and pops up constantly in everyday chat.

Structure: + Adjective +

{zh: |nǐ|your / |nán péng you|boyfriend / |tǐng|pretty / |shuài|handsome / |de / 。 }

Your boyfriend is pretty handsome.

{zh: |zuì jìn|lately / |dà jiā|everyone / |dōu / |tǐng|quite / |máng|busy / |de / 。 }

Everyone’s been quite busy lately.

Remember: wants its — , never bare . Think of ... as a matched pair of bookends around the adjective. It’s the casual, easygoing “pretty / quite,” softer than / .

Watch out

- Leave off the and it sounds unfinished to a native ear.