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Actually - definition

Actually is an....

(in fact) ที่จริง

ตามความเป็นจริง; (by the way)

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Actual vs. Actually

'Actual' and 'actually', they have very similar meanings.

- ▶ 'Actual' is an.....

- ▶ 'Actually' is an.....

Their meanings are similar.

Actually

The adverb 'actually' is usually used **at the beginning** or **the end** of a sentence or **before the verb**.

Examples:

- ▶ Actually, this is where I film my videos.
- ▶ I actually film them right here.
- ▶ This is where I film my videos actually.

Actual (adj) เป็นจริง แท้จริง

'Actual' means real or factual and it can also be used for emphasis but they are used in different positions within a sentence.

So usually the adjective 'actual' is found **before the noun**.

Examples:

- ▶ This is the actual spot where we met.
- ▶ It is an actual size of the paper.

Actually

Example: Actually, it's a perfect time.

Actually is such a handy English word to know!

We use it to:

- **emphasize a fact**
- **express/show surprise**
- **correct someone politely**
- **to change or introduce a new topic/add information**

Actually #1 – to emphasize a fact

- ▶ It actually takes longer to fly from Melbourne to Perth than it takes to fly from Perth to Melbourne.

So 'actually' here to **emphasize a fact**.

It's true. The wind direction has quite a significant influence on the flight time so it's much faster to fly from Perth to Melbourne.

Actually #1 – to emphasize a fact

Examples:

I've heard so many different versions of this story, I wish I knew what he actually said.

You know I want the truth, I want to know what he really said at the time. I've only heard from others.

Actually #1 – to emphasize a fact

Do you know Paul?

We've spoken over the phone but we've never actually met.

Actually #2 – to show surprise

You can use 'actually' **to show surprise at something unexpected.**

Examples:

- ▶ It looks like my brother actually arrived on time.
- ▶ I'm a little surprised, he's usually late.
- ▶ I was so tired I actually fell asleep in the back of the taxi.
- ▶ Did you hear that they actually sold their house? It's been on the market for ages.

Actually #3 – to correct someone politely

'Actually' can also be used **to correct someone politely**.

Examples:

- ▶ I don't work for the government. I'm self-employed, actually.
- ▶ We're late. The meeting starts at twelve. Actually, think it starts after lunch.
- ▶ How long has she been living in Sydney? Actually, she lives in Singapore now.

Actually #3 – to correct someone politely

Now you can actually use 'actually' to correct yourself which is cool when you make a mistake or you're unsure.

Example:

- ▶ I'm meeting with them on Thursday. Actually, it might be Friday.

Actually #4 – to introduce a new topic or add information

We can use 'actually' to introduce a new topic or to add some extra information.

Examples:

- ▶ Actually, I need to ask you about something before you leave.
- ▶ I've been meaning to talk about that with you, actually.

Actually

It's time to practice.

- ▶ Listen to the clip
- ▶ Pronunciation: Actually
- ▶ Write: write a sentence using actually

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