

Example Sentences for Adjectives Set Four

Listen to the accompanying MP3 and read these sentences. This will train your brain to master these words.

Abysmal = extremely bad or low in quality

Brusque = doing or saying things quickly and in a rude way

Irate = extremely angry

Meagre = very small or not enough

Rife = if something bad is rife, there is a lot of it

Sam: How did your presentation go yesterday?

Wendy: It was **abysmal**. I made so many mistakes because I was really nervous.

After the manager and a number of staff left the company, performance has been **abysmal**.

I paid more than \$200 for this meal, but it was **abysmal**. I'd like to talk to the manager.

Teaching standards at the school were **abysmal**, and as a result it was shut down by the local authorities.

The basketball coach told the child in a **brusque** manner, "You're not in the team."

The man's **brusque** phone conversations could be heard all around the office.

The examiner threw an exam paper on each table in a rather **brusque** and careless fashion.

Sorry if I was a little **brusque** with you last night. I was feeling a little stressed after a long day at work.

Brian was **irate** after he realised the project he had been working on for the past 3 months had been erased from the computer system.

I wrote an **irate** letter to our local politician complaining about the consistently poor education standard.

The **irate** mother shouted at her children to stop crying and complaining.

Police came to try and calm the **irate** man, but he kept shouting and screaming.

The employee was offered a **meagre** 1% pay rise after spending more than 5 years at the company.

Jack: I heard you're going to run in the marathon next month. How is training going?

Neil: It's going really well, but I'm on a **meagre** diet because I need to lose a few more pounds before the race.

William: How was concert last night?

Tom: The band were on stage for a **meagre** 45 minutes. Everyone who went was complaining afterwards.

The nation has **meagre** natural resources, so it imports them from neighbouring countries.

Rumours are **rife** that the celebrity couple has split up.

Crime used to be **rife** in this part of town, but after investment and development, it has become much safer.

Robert: Why are you selling your car?

Andy: It's **rife** with rust. We're going to sell it to the scrapyard for a few hundred dollars.

Mosquitoes are **rife** all over the country during the hot and humid summer months.