

hard

After reading the reference material complete the sentences below.

A) the ADJECTIVE

- 1) = opposite of soft: *“Diamond is an extremely hard material.”*
2) = difficult: a) *“I found the maths test very hard.”*
b) *“The actors spoke so fast that it was hard to understand what they were saying.”*

- B) the ADVERB** hardly = “almost not” a) *“The actors spoke so fast that I could hardly understand what they were saying.”* (NOTE THE USE OF “can/could!”)
b) *“Look, the missing piece of your jigsaw puzzle is hardly the most pressing problem we have at the moment!”*
c) Exceptionally, the verb is inverted after “hardly!” *“Hardly had we set off than the engine blew up!”*

- 1 The fog was so thick that we ?????????? a thing.
- 2 I was so tired that I ?????????? awake.
- 3 What he said was so strange that I ?????????? my ears!
- 4 It is ?????????? that he failed the exam as he did no revision at all.
- 5 Why do you trust that man? You ?????????? him!
- 6 The teacher spoke so fast that ?????????? could understand a word he said.
- 7 Look, this is ?????????? a proposition for Wittgenstein!
- 8 We had ?????????? 5 km when our engine blew up.
- 9 “Work ?????????? , play ?????????? .” That’s my motto.
- 10 Turn the telly off! I ?????????? myself think!
- 11 We had ?????????? flour to make even a single cake.
- 12 We were stuck on a desert island with ?????????? to eat.
- 13 My room is so small that there is ?????????? to put anything.
- 14 ?????????? we got out the picnic things than it started to rain.
- 15 Jack ran so fast in the marathon that I ?????????? with him.

see
keep awake
believe
almost nobody was surprised
almost a stranger
almost nobody
it’s obvious!
travel
hear
we had almost insufficient
almost nothing
almost nowhere.
it started raining as soon as we
keep up