## Apresyan (En-Ru)

#### virtually ['vɜ:t[vəlı] adv

#### фактически, практически, в действительности, реально; по существу, на деле, в сущности

virtually powerless - фактически бессильный, не имеющий реальной власти the request was virtually a command - эта просьба была, по существу, приказанием

virtually the same - практически одинаковый /тот же самый/

I am virtually certain that ... - я почти определённо знаю, что ...

## virtually

## vir·tu·al·ly AW [virtually] BrE ['v3 t u]

### 1. almost or very nearly, so that any slight difference is not important

- to be virtually impossible
- Virtually all students will be exempt from the tax.
- He virtually admitted he was guilty.
- This year's results are virtually the same as last year's.

• The red squirrel has become virtually extinct in most of the country.

2. (computing) by the use of computer software that makes sth appear to exist; using <sup>1</sup>virtual reality technology

#### Example Bank:

- Her fear virtually imprisoned her in her home.
- The reservoirs are all virtually full.
- Their lives have been virtually destroyed by this tragedy.
- This year's results are virtually the same as last year's.
- Virtually all students will be exempt from the tax.

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#### vir tu al y S2 W2 AC /'v3 t uə\$ 'v3 r-BrE AmE adverb

## [Word Family: adverb tvirtually; adjective: tvirtual]

## 1. almost SYN practically :

- Virtually all the children come to school by bus.
- He was virtually unknown before running for office.

#### 2. on a computer, rather than in the real world:

Professors can help students virtually by communicating over the Internet.

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almost not completely or not quite: I've almost finished my essay. | It's almost lunchtime.

• nearly almost. Nearly is more commonly used in British English than American English: I've been a teacher for nearly 10 years now. It's very nearly time to go home.

• not quite almost, but not yet: 'Is he 60?' 'Not quite!' | It's not quite time to go yet. | I'm not quite ready yet.

• practically/virtually very nearly: The room was practically empty. | practically all/everything/everyone etc: The frost killed practically every plant in the garden. | Virtually everyone had gone home.

• more or less/just about/pretty much *especially spoken* very nearly – use this when saying that the difference is not important: All the rooms are more or less the same size. | His jacket was pretty much the same colour as his trousers. | The policy will benefit just about everyone.

getting on for British English informal, getting on toward especially American English informal almost a particular time, age, or period of time – used especially when you are not sure of the exact time, age etc: It's getting on for 10 years since we last saw each other. I 'How old's Diane?' 'She must be getting on toward 50.'

- close to almost a particular number, amount, or time – used especially when the number or amount is surprisingly large or the time is very late: It was close to midnight by the time we arrived. | They've spent close to \$1.3 billion on the project.

• approaching /nearing almost – used when a number or amount is still increasing or a time is getting nearer: The unemployment rate was nearing 20%.

• be on the verge of (doing) something to be very close to doing something: She was on the verge of tears (=almost crying). | I was on the verge of giving up. | They were on the verge of making a decision.

• be on the brink of something to be very close to an extremely bad situation: The two countries are on the brink of war. | The company was on the brink of bankruptcy.

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