specially Apresyan (En-Ru)

['spe∫(ə)lı] adv

1. особенно

to be specially careful - быть особенно внимательным

2. специально

I went there specially to see them - я нарочно поехал туда, чтобы повидать их, я поехал туда только ради того, чтобы их повидать

## specially

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

spe·cial·ly [specially] BrE ['spe[əli] \* NAmE ['spe[əli] \* adverb

- 1. for a particular purpose, person, etc
- The ring was specially made for her.
- · a specially designed diet plan
- · We came specially to see you.
- 2. (informal) more than usual or more than other things
  - It will be hard to work today— specially when it's so warm and sunny outside.
  - I hate homework. Specially history.

#### Which Word?:

## especially / specially

**Especially** usually means 'particularly': • She loves all sports, especially swimming. . It is not placed first in a sentence: • I especially like sweet things. Especially I like sweet things.

**Specially** usually means 'for a particular purpose' and is often followed by a past participle, such as designed, developed or made: • a course specially designed to meet your needs  $\bigcirc$  • She has her clothes specially made in Paris.

In *BrE*, especially and specially are often used in the same way and it can be hard to hear the difference when people speak. **Specially** is less formal: • I bought this especially/specially for you.  $\diamondsuit$ • It is especially/specially important to remember this. The adjective for both **especially** and **specially** is usually **special**.

# specially

Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

special ly /'spefəli/ BrE \* AmE \* adverb

[Word Family: noun: †special, †specialist, SPECIALITY/SPECIALTY, †specialization, †specialism; adjective: †special, †specialize; adverb †specially]

1. for one particular purpose, and only for that purpose:

specially trained police dogs

specially designed/built/made etc

The boats are specially built for the disabled.

2. spoken much more than usual, or much more than other people or things SYN especially:

He specially liked the pie.

### **THESAURUS**

- especially /particularly used when you want to emphasize that something concerns or affects one person or thing more than others, or is true about a particular situation more than others: This disease mostly affects women, particularly older women. | Paris is always full of tourists, especially in the summer. | It's not easy to receive compliments, especially if you're not used to them. | The surface is very slippery, particularly when it has been raining.
- specially spoken especially: I like parks, specially when they've got lakes. | You have to be careful what you say, specially if there are children listening.
- in particular especially used before or after a noun. Often used in the phrases anyone/anything/anywhere in particular and someone/something/somewhere in particular: Mary loves most classical music, in particular Bach and Vivaldi. | Kids in particular will love this show. | Is there anything in particular you would like to eat? | Was there someone in particular you were hoping to meet?
- **notably** *formal* used for saying someone or something is an important example of what you are talking about: The use of illegal drugs notably marijuana has increased in recent years. | A number of respected philosophers, most notably Leibniz, criticized Newton's theories.
- above all used for emphasizing that something is more important than all the other things you have mentioned: Get plenty of sleep, eat lots of good food, and above all try to relax.
- most of all more than anything or anyone else: Swimming and soccer are fun, but I like dancing most of all. | Out of everybody at school she was the person who helped me most of all.

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