

COMMONLY CONFUSED WORDS

ACTUAL vs CURRENT

Actual and its derivatives:

actually
in actuality

all refer to **truth**.

Examples:

- A: Your mother was an attorney, wasn't she?
B: **Actually**, she was a notary. Notaries are legal professionals in civil law countries.

Actual, **actually**, and **in actuality** are typically used to **clarify the truth**. For example:

I had always thought that their business was a very profitable one. **In actuality**, however, they spent years on the brink of bankruptcy.

Current and its related expressions:

currently
at the current time/moment

refer to things happening now. The use of **current** in English is always related to **time**.

Examples:

George was a partner at that law firm for over ten years. He is **currently** the corporate counsel of a software firm. He's much happier now.

Their **current** CFO is originally from the banking field.

She's **currently** working in South America. It's not surprising since she speaks both Spanish and Portuguese **fluently**.