



PHRASES

Expressions of equality / comparison

Every bit as ... as ... (= equally)

- I'm every bit as talented as he is.

Every bit as much ... as (= equally as...)

- She is every bit as much a leader as anyone else.

Intensifying or emphasizing

A bit of a ... (= mildly, somewhat)

- He's a bit of a perfectionist.

A fair bit (=quite a lot)

- She knows a fair bit about finance.

A bit much (=too extreme or not reasonable)

- That comment was a bit much.

Every bit = equally as

- That was every bit worth the effort.

Not one bit / not a bit = Not at all.

- I'm not one bit interested.
- I'm not a bit tired.

Softening or understatement

A little bit (=slightly).

- Could you move over just a little bit?

Bit by bit (= gradually)

- We improved the system bit by bit.

Idiomatic uses

A bit on the (adjective) side (= slightly too (something)).

- The coat is a bit on the expensive side.

Be champing at the bit (also chomping/chafing at the bit) = very eager to do something.

- The kids were champing at the bit to open their presents.

Do one's bit (=to take one's share in a task.)

- Everyone needs to do their bit to help.

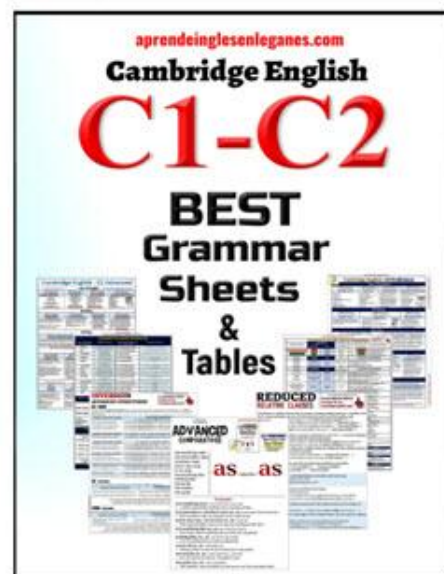
To get the bit between one's teeth (= become determined.)

- Once she got the bit between her teeth, nothing could stop her.

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