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Remember !

Base adjectives

Base adjectives are **normal adjectives** that can be modified using other words to make their meaning strong or weak.

Eg. : That's a **very** good idea. / He was **really** tired.

Strong adjectives

Strong adjectives cannot be modified with these words because they already have the idea of "very".

Eg. : Your dinner was **absolutely** delicious. / The teacher was **absolutely** furious.

Do it yourself !

1. Match the adjectives with the similar meaning.

very big	tiny
very bad	delicious
very good	brilliant
very tasty	certain
very small	enormous, huge
very sure	excellent, wonderful
very clever	awful, terrible

Useful language – Tips

Very, really and **extremely** are used to make **adjectives stronger**.

Eg. : It's a **very** (really) interesting book.

The pupils were **extremely** excited.

Really can modify both base and strong adjectives

Eg. : Mum is **very** angry. Mum is **really** angry.

Dad is **absolutely** furious. Dad is **really** furious.

2. Write the following adjectives in the right column.

scared / great / happy / furious / huge / small / bad / awful / good / big / fantastic / thrilled / ugly / tiny / terrified / cold / freezing / fat / hot / boiling / superb / obese / angry / terrible / enormous

Base adjectives	Strong adjectives
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3. Complete the blanks with very, absolutely or really.

..... giant gorgeous pretty terrible
..... starving	..... funny	..... dirty	..... bad
..... exhausted	..... good	..... horrible	..... big
..... wonderful	..... ancient	..... terrifying	..... old
..... excellent	..... interesting	..... filthy	..... hungry
..... fascinating	..... gigantic	..... scary	..... hilarious
..... tired			

4. Match each base adjective to its equivalent strong one.

very surprised	exhausted
very funny	starving
very happy	furious
very cold	hilarious
very dirty	astonished
very hot	freezing
very hungry	filthy
very angry	boiling
very tired	pleased

5. Complete the sentences with a suitable adjective from the box.

filthy / terrified / freezing / exhausted / delicious / boiling / starving / thrilled / gorgeous

It's very cold in your room. It's

This actress is very beautiful. She is

My mother is very afraid of mice. She is

She was very happy when she saw her baby. She was

The dinner we had yesterday was very tasty. It was simply

Dad worked very hard yesterday. He is really

Don't put those shoes, they are very dirty. They are

Could you give me something to eat? I'm

Can you turn off the heating? It's in here.

6. Find the adjectives below in the grid.

Words can go :

- horizontally →
- vertically ↑↓
- backwards or forwards ↔

furious / bad / beautiful / nice / lovely / fantastic / boiling / hungry / ancient / delicious / sad / terrifying / tiny / exhausted / long

B	E	A	U	T	I	F	U	L
O	X	F	T	E	D	A	S	O
I	H	U	N	R	Y	N	U	V
L	A	R	E	R	R	T	O	E
I	U	I	I	I	G	A	I	L
N	S	O	C	F	N	S	C	Y
G	T	U	N	Y	U	T	I	Y
N	E	S	A	I	H	I	L	N
O	D	A	B	N	I	C	E	I
L	H	U	N	G	R	Y	D	T

7. Complete these proverbs with the right adjective.

beautiful / hungry (2) / good (2) / happy / pretty

A belly has no ears.

Do what makes you

All things come to an end.

No news is news.

A man is an angry man!

Butterflies come to flowers.

A thing is never perfect.