

GRADABLE ADJECTIVES - Summary & practice

Gradable adjectives can be accompanied by “fairly”, “very”, “extremely”, “incredibly”.

*She did a **fairly good** job.
 The weather was **very bad**.
 The lesson was **extremely boring**.
 The exam went **incredibly well**.*

Strong adjectives can be accompanied by “absolutely”

*I am **absolutely delighted** with my students!
 She was **absolutely terrified** in the Escape Room.*

Really can be used with **gradable** and **strong** adjectives:

*This hamburger is **really good**!
 This hamburger is **really amazing**!*

Choose the right answer:¹

1. I am _____ happy to see you.
Virtually / a little / very
2. The cat was _____ dead when the vet arrived.
Extremely / fairly / completely
3. To make tea, the water should be _____ boiling.
Slightly / - / very
4. Well done! Your homework is _____ excellent.
Very / - / almost
5. Don't see that film! It's _____ awful!
Absolutely / nearly / extremely
6. Hundreds of _____ terrified people ran for their lives.
Completely / extremely / fairly
7. I am reading a _____ good book.
very / completely / really
8. It's _____ cold outside. In fact, it's nearly freezing.
Quite / really / fairly
9. The country is in a _____ ridiculous situation. I laugh so much!
- / very / reasonably

Further practice:

<http://www.tinytflteacher.co.uk/learning-english/grammar/exercises/strong-weak-adjectives.html>

<https://www.ecenglish.com/learnenglish/lessons/gradable-and-ungradable-adjectives>

<http://random-idea-english.blogspot.com.es/2012/02/gradable-and-ungradable-adjectives.html>

¹ Source: <https://www.englishclub.com/grammar/adjectives-gradability-quiz.htm>

2C – Gradable and strong adjectives

Regular Adjective	Extreme Adjective
angry	furious
bad	awful, terrible, horrible
big	enormous, huge, gigantic, giant
clean	spotless
cold	freezing
crowded	packed
difficult	impossible
dirty	filthy
frightened	terrified
funny	hilarious
good	Brilliant, wonderful, fantastic, excellent
happy	delighted
hot	boiling
hungry	starving
interested	fascinated
old	ancient
pretty	gorgeous
scary	terrifying
small	tiny
surprised	amazed, astonished
tasty	delicious
tired	Exhausted, shattered
ugly	hideous