Strong adjectives

1. Match the normal adjectives with their strong equivalents. Drag the words.

amazed	ancient	boiling	disgusting	dreadful	enormous
exhausted	fascinating	filthy	freezing	furious	hideous
hilarious	packed	positive	remote	silent	spotless
starving	stunning	terrific	terrifying	tiny	thrilling

a. angry _____
b. bad _____
c. beautiful _____
d. big _____
e. clean _____
f. cold _____
g. crowded _____
h. dirty _____
i. exciting _____
j. far _____
k. frightening _____
l. funny _____
m. good _____
n. hot _____
o. hungry _____
p. interesting _____
q. old _____
r. quite _____
s. small _____
t. sure _____
u. surprised _____
v. tired _____
w. ugly _____
x. unpleasant _____

2. Complete the sentences with a strong adjective from exercise 1.

1. This room is disgusting! It's absolutely_____! I've never seen so much dirt.
2. My room is never dirty, it is always absolutely _____.
3. The film was really _____, but the seats were uncomfortable.
4. This has been an utterly _____ evening, I just want to go home.
5. That sweater is really _____, I don't know why they bought it.
6. The food was good but the portions were absolutely _____.
7. The dessert smelled totally _____, but luckily it was very tasty.
8. The view from our window wasn't just beautiful. It was absolutely _____.
9. The city of Athens is _____. It's existed for over 3,000 years!
10. At the weekends the shops in the city center are totally _____ with people.
11. There wasn't a sound in the park. It was completely _____.
12. You won't need a jacket today, it's _____ outside.
13. Dad was _____with me for crashing his car!
14. Russia in winter is _____. I hope you like the cold!
15. Her apartment is _____. It's much bigger than mine.
16. They live in a _____ corner of Scotland, miles from the nearest shop.
17. Kate looks absolutely _____ tonight.
18. The book is a _____ adventure story.
19. "Are you sure it's okay for me to use your mother's car?" "_____."
20. I was absolutely _____ when I heard he'd been promoted.

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3. Vocabulary extension. Drag the words into the boxes.

awful	amazed	astonished	dreadful	terrible	tragic	breathtaking
stunning	ancient	boiling	roasting	scorching	bitter	
freezing	icy	antique	prehistoric	spectacular	heaving	packed
enormous	gigantic	huge	large	gorgeous		

bad	beautiful	big	crowded
old	**surprised**	**hot**	**cold**

4. Look at the example sentences. Then match the correct halves of the rules.

The play was <u>really bad</u>.
The play was <u>really awful</u>.
The play was <u>absolutely awful.</u>

The play was <u>quite bad</u>.
The play was <u>very bad.</u>

1. We use totally, completely and absolutely
2. We use very and extremely, quite and rather
3. We use really

a. with normal adjectives.
b. with extreme adjectives.
c. with both normal and extreme adjectives.

5. Choose a correct option (click). Sometimes both options are possible.

1. They looked absolutely surprised/astonished when she announced she was pregnant.
2. There was a really beautiful/spectacular sunset last night.
3. The bride looked absolutely beautiful/gorgeous.
4. We went to a sale of prehistoric/antique furniture and bought an oak chest.
5. It was a scorching/roasting summer day.
6. An extremely cold/bitter wind kept everyone indoors.
7. The Louvre in Paris is very/absolutely enormous.
8. The film was really/very dreadful.
9. The bar was absolutely/rather heaving.
10. He didn't like the film at all - I thought it was quite funny/hilarious.
11. The bathroom was pink and green and silver – it was absolutely hideous/ugly.
12. Isn't lunch ready yet? I'm very hungry/starving.
13. Mr. Jones thought my history paper was terrific/terrifying.
14. The food was absolutely unpleasant/disgusting - I couldn't eat it.
15. Are you sure/positive that you saw me switch the iron off?

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