

GRADABLE AND NON-GRADABLE ADJECTIVES

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REMEMBER:

boiling ← hot warm cool cold → freezing

Adjectives in the middle of the sequence are called 'gradable'. We can make them stronger or weaker with words like **VERY, A BIT, EXTREMELY, HIGHLY, INCREDIBLY, REALLY, SO VERY...** Adjectives at the end of the sequence are called 'non-gradable'. We cannot make them stronger or weaker because they are **already** extreme. But we emphasize them with **ABSOLUTELY, COMPLETELY, ENTIRELY, QUITE, TOTALLY, SO, UTTERLY...**

It was absolutely boiling in Europe last year. (NOT ~~very boiling~~)

MATCH THE REGULAR ADJECTIVES AND EXTREME ADJECTIVES.

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| 1. Hot | a. Freezing |
| 2. Big | b. Exhausting |
| 3. Tired | c. Boiling |
| 4. Cold | d. Gigantic |
| 5. Happy | e. Fascinating |
| 6. Interesting | f. Hilarious |
| 7. Funny | g. delighted |

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD TO COMPLETE THE SENTENCE.

1. I can't drink this tea! It's quite/ very boiling!
2. Look at that skyscraper! It's absolutely large/gigantic!
3. The bus driver couldn't go any further that day as he was so tired/tiring.
4. Winter evenings in our city feel completely cool/freezing.
5. The first part of the film was really excited/exciting.
6. When I heard that my niece was accepted at the university I was really happy/delighted.
7. Despite being invited, the host delivered an inappropriate speech towards him.
He found the experience a bit/utterly humiliating.
8. Alison was very/extremely ill and spent a month in hospital.
9. The book I read last month was absolutely interesting/ fascinating.
10. That comedian's movie was incredibly funny/hilarious.