



Extreme Adjectives

1. Overusing the word 'very' when talking can be boring for the person listening. For example:

"Yesterday, it was very hot, so I went to the park, but it was very crowded. There was a very big dog in the park and I was very scared when it ran by me. I started to feel very hungry so I decided to buy an ice-cream. The ice-cream I bought was very cold, but it tasted very bad. I think it was old. I tried to complain but the seller didn't care. I was very angry! Unfortunately, I was very tired and I didn't feel like arguing. On the way home I stopped in a cafe and drank a cold glass of lemonade. It was very good!"

To avoid the overusing of 'very', we can use 'extreme adjectives' (= **very + adjective**). These extreme adjectives have strong meanings, so instead of saying "**very clean**" we can say **spotless** –as "**spotless**" means "**very clean**" we do not need to use **very** before **spotless**. Instead, you can use "**extremely**" or "**absolutely**".

2. Now, re-read the short story above and replace the underlined words with extreme adjectives. Here's a table of some extreme adjectives and what they mean:

"Yesterday, it was _____, so I went to the park, but it was _____. There was a _____ dog in the park and I was _____ when it ran by me. I started to feel _____ so I decided to buy an ice-cream. The ice-cream I bought was _____, but it tasted _____. I think it was old. I tried to complain but the seller didn't care. I was _____! Unfortunately, I was _____ and I didn't feel like arguing. On the way home I stopped in a cafe and drank a cold glass of lemonade. It was _____!"

Normal Adjectives

cold
hot
dirty
hungry
crowded
bad
good
scared
angry
tired
big
small

Extreme Adjectives

freezing
boiling
filthy
starving
packed
awful
wonderful
terrified
furious
exhausted
huge
tiny

3. Finally, complete the sentences below using the extreme adjectives from the table. Remember to use the correct form of the adjective.

- The trains during rush-hour in Tokyo are _____. There are people everywhere.
- The world's biggest casino opened in Las Vegas - it's _____. It's twice the size of the previous world's biggest one.
- I was _____ when I saw that someone had damaged my car and had driven away.
- After running the marathon she felt _____. She just wanted to lay down.
- My hometown is _____ in the winter, so remember to bring a big coat.
- You need to clean your bedroom. I've never seen such a dirty room. It's _____ in here.
- I'm _____ because I didn't eat breakfast and I was too busy to eat lunch.
- Turn on the air-con it is _____ in here. I hate summer! It is too hot!
- People left the cinema before the film ended because it was _____.
It's the worst film I've ever seen.
- You must climb the mountain. The view from the top is _____!



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1.- Match each normal adjective in box A with an extreme adjective in box B.

Examples: *expensive* – *exorbitant*

Box A Normal adjectives

angry	_____
bad	_____
big	_____
clean	_____
clever	_____
cold	_____
dirty	_____
good	_____

funny	_____
hot	_____
hungry	_____
interesting	_____
large	_____
long	_____
old	_____
pretty	_____

sad	_____
small	_____
strange	_____
surprising	_____
tasty	_____
tired	_____
ugly	_____

Box B Extreme adjectives

▪ boiling ▪ enormous ▪ fantastic ▪ filthy ▪ freezing ▪ gorgeous ▪ starving ▪ tiny ▪ ancient ▪ furious ▪ hilarious ▪ spotless ▪ astounding ▪ hideous ▪ delicious ▪ bizarre ▪ endless ▪ fascinating ▪ miserable ▪ brilliant ▪ terrible ▪ exhausted ▪ huge ▪

2.- Answer the questions. Use extreme adjectives.

Example: *Is your brother clever? **Clever?** He's **brilliant!***

- Are you **hot**? Hot? I'm boiling!
- Was the concert **good**?
- Were his exam results **bad**?
- This pizza is a bit **small**, isn't it?
- That's a **big** factory.
- It's a bit **cold** in here.
- My shoes are **dirty**.
- Are you **hungry**?
- Don't you think Bob's dog is **ugly**?
- Were you **tired** after the exam?
- Maria's new dress is very **pretty**.
- Was your boss **angry** about the problem?
- His clothes are scruffy and very **strange**.
- This man looks very **sad**.
- Did you think Peter's joke was **funny**?
- Is your bedroom **clean**?
- Are the pyramids in Egypt **old**?
- Wasn't the result of the football match **surprising**?
- This cake is very **tasty**.
- That Scottish castle was very **large**.
- The end of this book is very **interesting**, isn't it?
- The exercise was very **long**.

