

Base and Strong Adjectives

Schools were on vacation and Mum and Dad were at work. The twins, Dan and Margie were bored. They were also hungry. Very **hungry**! In fact, they were absolutely They decided to make some food. But what to make?

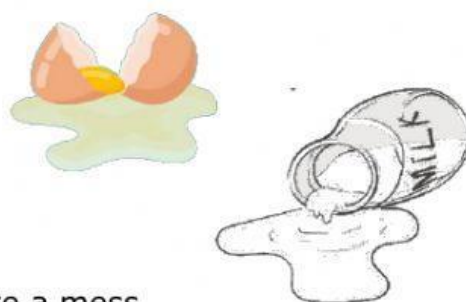
"I know," said Margie, her eyes gleaming. "Let's bake a cake! A chocolate cake! Just like the ones that Mum makes."



Without further ado, the twins set to work. "Mum is going to be really **surprised**," said Margie. "In fact, she will be absolutely that we are so clever! It will be the best chocolate cake ever!"

"Oh dear!" exclaimed Dan. "I've dropped an egg!"

"Never mind," said Margie. "We can clean it up later. Oh no! Now I have spilt the milk!"



By the time they had finished the kitchen was in quite a mess.

"The cake looks really **tasty**," said Dan. In fact, it looks absolutely . I am sure Mum is going to be so pleased with us."



"Perhaps we should clean up the kitchen before she gets home," said Margo.

But that was easier said than done. The more they tried to clean, the more mess they made. By the time Mum came home, the kitchen looked worse than ever. Mum was far from pleased. She was so **angry**. In fact she was absolutely .

"What have you done?" she shouted. "Look at my kitchen!"

"It's not that dirty," said Dan.



"Not **dirty**?" wailed Mum. "It's absolutely . I've had such a **bad** day. In fact it has been . I am so **tired**. In fact, I am absolutely And now I have this mess to clean up!" And with that, she burst into tears!

Just then Dad came home. "There, there!" he said consolingly to Mum. "The children meant no harm. I am sorry you had such a bad day. But I have something to tell you that will put a smile back on your face. I had



a **good** day. In fact, I had a _____ day! Do you remember the competition I entered a while ago? Well, it turns out that the judges thought my design was very **good**. In fact, they thought it was absolutely _____. Some of the designs were really **ugly**. In fact, they were absolutely _____. So I have won first prize! That means that we will be able to take our overseas trip this year! Isn't that really **exciting**?

"Exciting?" said Mum. It's more than **exciting**. It's absolutely _____."

"Happy now?" asked Dad as he hugged Mum.

"Oh Honey!" said Mum smiling through her tears. "I am more than **happy**. I am absolutely _____."

"Now, you go and put your feet up and relax while the kids and I clean up this messy kitchen. After that, I will take you all out for dinner. How does that sound?"

"It sounds **good**!" declared Mum. In fact it sounds absolutely _____."



Match the base adjectives with the strong adjectives.

ugly

tired

surprised

angry

bad

dirty

hungry

good

happy

exciting

tasty

filthy

excellent

delighted

thrilling

hideous

delicious

exhausted

amazed

starving

terrible

furious

Fill in the correct base adjective – remember that both strong and base adjectives can use the intensifier 'really'.

1. John's report is really **excellent**.
2. That was a really **hilarious** joke.
3. I heard a really **fascinating** story today.
4. That vase is really **hideous**.
5. She made a really **delicious** meal.
6. That is really **terrible** news.
7. He is **devastated** that his dog died.
8. We are really **starving** because we haven't eaten all day.
9. Their house is really **filthy** because it never gets cleaned.
10. She is a really **gorgeous** little girl.
11. I am really **astonished** that you finished that job so quickly.
12. We have received really **wonderful** news!
13. They had a really **thrilling** adventure.
14. I am really **furious** that you didn't finish your task.
15. Put on your jacket! It is really **freezing** in this room.
16. Open the windows! It is really **boiling** in the car.
17. I am going to bed early as I am really **exhausted**.
18. She is really **overjoyed** because her daughter is getting married.
19. Their Great Dane is really **enormous**.
20. That is a really **ridiculous** excuse!



Write synonyms in the spaces provided

Surprised		
Happy		
Bad		
Good		

Angry

Big

Afraid

Hot

Funny

Sad

Cold

Ugly

Pretty

Drag the word to match the picture.

terrified

delighted

boiling

filthy

starving

exhausted

furious

devastated

