



# 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**.

