

GRADABLE & NON-GRADABLE ADJECTIVES – EXERCISE PACK (WITH ANSWER KEY)

A. Choose the correct option.

1. The weather was (very cold / absolutely freezing / very freezing).
2. She felt (extremely tired / utterly exhausted / very exhausted) after the trip.
3. The film was (absolutely fascinating / quite fascinating / very fascinating).
4. The soup was (a bit hot / completely boiling / very boiling).
5. He was (pretty angry / absolutely furious / very furious) when he heard the news.

B. Replace the phrase with a stronger non-gradable adjective.

1. very angry → _____
2. very cold → _____
3. very ugly → _____
4. very tired → _____
5. very surprised → _____

C. Replace the non-gradable adjective with a weaker gradable one.

1. furious → _____
2. hideous → _____
3. freezing → _____
4. spotless → _____
5. delicious → _____

D. Complete the sentences with suitable modifiers.

1. It was _____ hot in the desert.
2. I felt _____ miserable after the argument.
3. The day was _____ exhausting; we could barely stand.
4. The room was _____ spotless when we arrived.
5. They were _____ thrilled to hear the good news.
6. The soup is _____ disgusting — don't try it.

E. Decide whether each adjective is gradable (G) or non-gradable (NG).

1. miserable ____
2. enormous ____
3. boring ____
4. terrified ____
5. hot ____
6. excellent ____
7. tired ____
8. freezing ____

F. Write your own sentences.

1. A sentence with a gradable adjective + modifier.
2. A sentence with a non-gradable adjective + strong modifier.
3. A comparison using a gradable adjective.

ANSWER KEY

A.

1. very cold / absolutely freezing
2. extremely tired / utterly exhausted
3. absolutely fascinating / quite fascinating
4. a bit hot / completely boiling
5. pretty angry / absolutely furious

B.

1. furious / enraged
2. freezing
3. hideous
4. exhausted
5. astonished / amazed

C.

1. very angry / quite angry
2. very ugly
3. very cold
4. very clean
5. very tasty

D. (Sample answers)

1. extremely / very / utterly

2. absolutely / utterly / really
3. extremely / very
4. absolutely / completely / totally
5. absolutely / totally / completely
6. absolutely / utterly / really

E.

1. NG
2. NG
3. G
4. NG
5. G
6. NG
7. G
8. NG