

Vocabulary

1 Look at the adverbs in the box and the sentences in the table. Answer the questions.

absolutely extremely fairly really very

With 'gradable' adjectives

With 'non-gradable' adjectives

a) 'This is _____ good!'

b) 'This is _____ incredible!'

- 1 Which adverbs can you use to complete sentence *a*?
- 2 Which adverbs can you use to complete sentence *b*?
- 3 Which adverb can you use in both sentences?
- 4 Which sentence did Mike use to describe his first parachute jump?

2 Find pairs of adjectives in the box that have similar meanings. List them in the table under the appropriate headings. Use your dictionary if necessary.

angry astonished boiling cold dirty exciting exhausted fascinating
filthy freezing frightened funny furious gorgeous hilarious hot
interesting pretty surprised terrified thrilling tired

Gradable

Non-gradable


angry

furious


3 Combine adverbs from Exercise 1 with adjectives from Exercise 2 to make five sentences that are true for you.

The last time I went to Madrid was in August, and it was absolutely boiling – over 40 degrees!

Pronunciation

1  1.10 Listen and repeat the exchanges. Copy the intonation.

- a) 'It's very cold.' 'Cold? It's absolutely freezing!'
- b) 'She's very funny.' 'Funny? She's absolutely hilarious!'

2  1.11 Listen and respond to more prompts.

- a) 'It's very hot in here.' 'Hot? It's absolutely boiling!'

Make up similar exchanges. Use adjectives from Vocabulary Exercise 2 above.

Speaking

1 Imagine you are in the following situations. What emotions would you feel? Use words in the box or your own ideas. Tell a partner.

angry bored embarrassed excited frightened nervous thrilled worried

- a) Going on a roller coaster at the fair.
'I'd feel nervous.' *'Oh, I'd feel really excited.'*
- b) Galloping on a horse.
- c) Being stuck in a traffic jam.
- d) Being stopped by the police.
- e) Taking off in a plane.
- f) Giving a speech in front of an audience.
- g) Talking to someone you fancy.
- h) Watching your national football team.
- i) Realising that you have been robbed.
- j) Looking down from a high place.
- k) Taking an exam.

Tick the situations you have experienced personally.

2 Work with your partner. How many experiences do you have in common? Which experience was the most exciting?

