

### Gradable and Extreme Adjectives- Speaking Card Game

Spread the cards across the table. Use as many cards as you can to make sentences about opinions, experiences, etc in common, making sentences like “We both think/ find/ have/ have found/ feel/ believe/...”

#### Suggested discussion questions

- How would you feel if...?
- How... is/ are... (in this country/ town)?
- How... would you be if...?
- How... would you have to be to...?
- How... would... have to be for you to...?
- What would you do if...?
- Would you agree that... is/ are...?
- Would you describe ... as...?
- Would you say that... is...?
- Would you... (just) because...?
- Would you... if you were...?
- Would you... if...?

#### Useful phrases for agreeing

I totally agree.  
That's quite right.  
I have exactly the same opinion.  
I think that is fair/ a good description.

#### Useful phrases for disagreeing

I wouldn't go as far as that. I'd say.../ I wouldn't go as far as to say... More like...  
I would go even further and say...

Ask about any cards which you couldn't use. Then match the gradable and extreme adjectives with similar meanings (extreme adjective = very gradable adjective). There is more than one match for each.

Make sure that you have two gradable adjectives and two extreme adjectives in each group, then match them to opposites to help.

Put the adverb cards into columns by which kinds of words they go with.

with extreme adjectives	<b>absolutely</b>	<b>completely</b>
	<b>totally</b>	<b>utterly</b>
	<b>perfectly</b>	<b>entirely</b>
with gradable adjectives	<b>slightly</b>	<b>a little</b>
	<b>a bit</b>	<b>not very</b>
	<b>fairly</b>	<b>very</b>
	<b>extremely</b>	<b>incredibly</b>
with both	<b>pretty</b>	<b>really</b>

**Synonyms of gradable and extreme adjectives version**

amusing/ humorous	funny	hilarious	side-splitting
serious	sad/ solemn	tragic	dead serious
attractive/ pretty	good looking	gorgeous	stunning
ugly	unattractive	hideous	gruesome- looking
big	large	huge/ gigantic	massive/ enormous
little	small	tiny	minuscule/ minute
cool	cold	freezing	frozen
warm	hot	baking/ boiling	roasting
sad	unhappy	miserable	heartbroken
glad/ pleased	happy	delighted	overjoyed
sleepy	tired	exhausted	shattered/ knackered
lively	energetic	hyper	hyperactive
necessary	important	crucial/ vital	essential
unimportant	trivial	pointless	worthless
rich	wealthy	filthy rich	loaded

poor	low income	penniless	broke
good	decent	great/ brilliant	fantastic/ splendid
bad	deficient/ inferior	awful/ terrible	dreadful/ disastrous
boring	uninteresting	mind- numbing	soul destroying
interesting	stimulating	captivating	fascinating
damp	wet	soaked	sopping
dry	dehydrated	parched	bone dry
hungry	peckish	starving	dying of hunger
full	satiated	stuffed	full up/ fit to burst
tasty	palatable	delicious/ lip- smacking	mouth- watering
yucky	unappetising	revolting	sickening
frightened	scared	terrified	petrified
brave	courageous	fearless	heroic
drunk/ intoxicated	tipsy/ merry	wasted/ wrecked	blotto/ smashed
sober	straight/ temperate	stone cold sober	clear- headed/ dry