

Gradable and ungradable adjectives- discuss and agree with useful language for giving opinions

Make an opinion with an adjective such as one of the phrases in the table on the next page and see if your partner agrees or disagrees. If they disagree, try to agree on a similar sentence together.

Useful phrases for agreeing I totally agree. That's quite right. I have completely the same opinion.
Useful phrases for disagreeing I don't really agree. In my opinion,... Do you think so? I think... I know why you would say that, but...

Ask about anything in the table below that you couldn't understand or couldn't use.

Extreme adjectives grammar presentation

Without looking above for now, write pairs of extreme adjectives (= ungradable adjectives) and gradable adjectives in the bottom two squares of the table below. Pairs of words not above are also okay as long as the word on the left means "very +" the word on the right. Don't write anything in the top boxes yet.

Look at the following pages to help with the task above.

Add adverbs which go with each kind of adjective to the top boxes of the table. One word can go in both places.

Use the mixed words at the bottom below to help with the previous task.

Test each other in pairs on gradable and extreme adjectives. See if your partner can:

- Identify which one is which in a pair of gradable and ungradable/ extreme adjectives that you say
- Identify if what you say is a gradable and ungradable/ extreme adjective
- Make the extreme/ ungradable adjective of the gradable adjective that you say
- Identify gradable and ungradable/ extreme adjectives and make the other one
- Make as many pairs of gradable and ungradable/ extreme adjectives as possible (including ones not here, with you helping if they get stuck)

Opinions with gradable and extreme adjectives

I think I really think In my opinion To be frank Frankly I'd say that	B&Bs Bangkok black coffee business meetings durian exams German gin horror movies Italy jogging learning Chinese London maths murder mysteries roller coasters Skype snails teleconferences thatched cottages The Mona Lisa	is ar e	absolutely completely really totally utterly	awful/ dreadful/ terrible crucial/ essential/ vital delicious/ mouth-watering delightful/ lovely disgusting/ revolting ear-splitting enormous/ huge/ massive exhausting exorbitant fabulous/ wonderful fascinating filthy gorgeous/ stunning gripping/ thrilling hilarious horrible impossible mind-boggling mind-numbing terrifying unforgettable unique amusing/ funny attractive/ pretty bad big/ large boring confusing difficult/ tricky dirty exciting expensive/ pricey frightening/ scary good important interesting loud memorable nasty nice original tasty tiring yucky
			(a little) extremely fairly incredibly not very really (slightly) very	

Extreme adjectives grammar presentation

adverbs before extreme adjectives		adverbs before gradable adjectives
+		+
extreme adjective (= ungradable)	= very +	gradable adjective

Mixed gradable and extreme adjectives

- amusing/ funny
- attractive/ pretty
- awful/ dreadful/ terrible
- bad
- big/ large
- boring
- confusing
- crucial/ essential/ vital
- delicious/ mouth-watering
- delightful/ lovely
- difficult/ tricky
- dirty
- disgusting/ revolting
- ear-splitting
- enormous/ huge/ massive
- exciting
- exhausting
- exorbitant
- expensive/ pricey
- fabulous/ wonderful
- fascinating
- filthy
- frightening/ scary
- good
- gorgeous/ stunning
- gripping/ thrilling
- hilarious

- horrible
- important
- impossible
- interesting
- loud
- memorable
- mind-boggling
- mind-numbing
- nasty
- nice
- original
- tasty
- terrifying
- tiring
- unforgettable
- unique
- yucky

Make sure that you have these words in the left-hand column above, and then match the other words above to them.

- awful/ dreadful/ terrible
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Adverbs to go with gradable and extreme adjectives

One can be used twice.

- a little
- absolutely
- completely
- extremely
- fairly
- incredibly
- not very
- really
- slightly
- totally
- utterly
- very