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TOPIC: USING ADJECTIVES EFFECTIVELY TO MAKE AN IMPACT AT MICRON

- At the end of today's workshop you will:
 - Understand the **three types** of adjectives:
 - Gradable
 - Non-gradable: Absolute Adjectives
 - Non-gradable: Extreme Adjectives
 - Be more confident in making your sentences more powerful.

TYPE I: GRADABLE ADJECTIVES

- Adjectives describe the qualities of nouns. Most adjectives are **gradable**, which means there can be **different degrees or levels** of that quality. An example is “**cold**”. The weather can be: “**a little cold**”
“**quite cold**”
“**very cold**”
“**extremely cold**”.
- We can make gradable adjectives **weaker or stronger** with **modifiers**, such as “a little”, “very” or “extremely”. The following modifiers can be used with gradable adjectives:
 - a little / a bit / slightly
 - pretty / quite / fairly
 - very / really
 - extremely / immensely



EXAMPLES OF GRADABLE ADJECTIVES

Angry	Good	Bad	Hot
Big	Important	Boring	Interesting
Cheap	Small	Clean	Surprised
Cold	Tasty	Expensive	Tired

Example Sentences

- She didn't buy that sweater because she thought it was a **little expensive**.
- Her boss was **very angry** when he discovered she hadn't reported her mistake.
- The meeting lasted a long time and was **quite boring**.
- It was **extremely cold** last week, so the roads were frozen.



This list is **very** interesting

TYPE 2: NON-GRADABLE ADJECTIVES: **ABSOLUTE ADJECTIVES**

- **Absolute Adjectives** are **non-gradable** because they describe an **absolute quality**. For example, you cannot say “very perfect” or “a bit finished” because the adjectives describe a state that is **final**. Something is either “perfect” or it is “not perfect”.
- We can make absolute adjectives **stronger** with **modifiers**, such as “absolutely”, “completely”, “totally”, and “utterly”. For example, we can say “**absolutely perfect**” or “**totally destroyed**”.

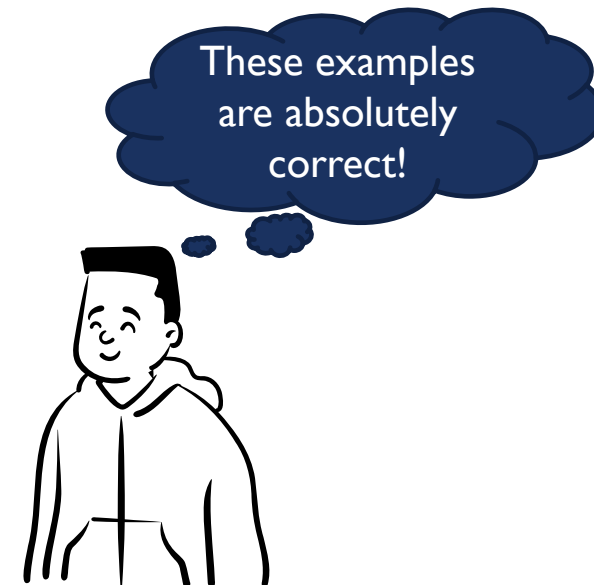


EXAMPLES OF ABSOLUTE ADJECTIVES

Acceptable	Complete	Correct	Dead
Destroyed	Empty	Finished	Impossible
Inevitable	Necessary	Perfect	Ruined
Unacceptable	Unique	Essential	Flawless

Example Sentences

- You made a great impact in the meeting, Yuki. Your presentation was **absolutely perfect**.
- The building was **totally destroyed** in the earthquake.
- That deadline is **completely impossible**. We cannot get everything done by then.
- I spilled coffee on my laptop, and it's **utterly ruined** now.



TYPE 3: NON-GRADABLE ADJECTIVES: **EXTREME ADJECTIVES**

- **Extreme adjectives** are **non-gradable** because they contain the idea of “**extremely**” in their definition. For example, “**excellent**” is an extreme adjective because it means “**extremely good**”.
- We can add emphasis and make extreme adjectives **stronger** with **modifiers**, such as “**absolutely**”, “**completely**”, “**totally**”, and “**utterly**”. We can also use modifiers, such as “**really**”, with **both** extreme adjectives and gradable adjectives. For example, we can say “**absolutely freezing**” or “**really amazing**”.



EXAMPLES OF EXTREME ADJECTIVES

Regular Adjective	Extreme Adjective	Regular Adjective	Extreme Adjective
angry	→ furious	hungry	→ starving
bad	awful, terrible	important	essential, vital
big, large	huge, enormous	interesting	fascinating
clean	spotless	scary	terrifying
cold	freezing	small	tiny, minute
dirty	filthy	surprising	amazing
good	great, excellent	tasty	delicious
happy	delighted	tired	exhausted
hot	boiling	wet	soaking

EXAMPLES OF **EXTREME ADJECTIVES**

Example Sentences

- I was **absolutely furious** because someone had damaged my car in the parking lot.
- I've had to work 12 hours straight today on the project. I feel **completely exhausted** now.
- Tom was wearing an **utterly terrifying** Halloween mask at the party.
- The online meeting was **really terrible**. My laptop froze just before my presentation.



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Complete the sentence with the correct option and then read it.

1. It's the worst morning this winter. The roads are all frozen and it's _____.
a) completely cold b) absolutely freezing
2. We have to keep the area where we assemble the memory devices _____.
a) absolutely spotless b) very clean
3. The report is _____ finished. We will be able to move on to the next task now.
a) completely b) really
4. I am pleased to inform you that I would be _____ to accept the job offer.
a) fairly delighted b) delighted

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Complete the sentence with the correct option and then read it.

5. Lots of wafers needed to be scrapped due to his mistake. His boss was _____ angry.
a) totally b) very
6. That new method she devised is _____. There isn't anything else like it.
a) unique b) very different
7. I saw that scary horror movie that you recommended. It was utterly _____!
a) terrible b) terrifying
8. I've been so busy that I didn't have time to have lunch today and now I'm _____.
a) starving b) a little hungry

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Complete the sentence with the correct option and then read it.

9. His behavior was _____ unacceptable. He should check the SOP when he's unsure.
a) totally b) very
10. They decided to look for a cheaper tool as the initial choice was _____ expensive.
a) extremely b) totally
11. Did you try that new drink from Starbucks? I think it's _____.
a) absolutely delicious b) very delicious
12. You were right to report that dangerous condition. That's a _____ Good Catch.
a) very great b) fantastic

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Complete the sentence with the correct option and then read it.

13. Your technical presentation was _____ perfect. You finished in first place in the final.
a) absolutely b) really
14. It's _____ that we protect our company's IP (Intellectual Property).
a) essential b) important
15. It's a long journey from Boise, so when I got to Japan, I was feeling _____ exhausted.
a) extremely b) absolutely
16. I got caught in a heavy shower on the way to work and now I'm absolutely _____.
a) wet b) soaking