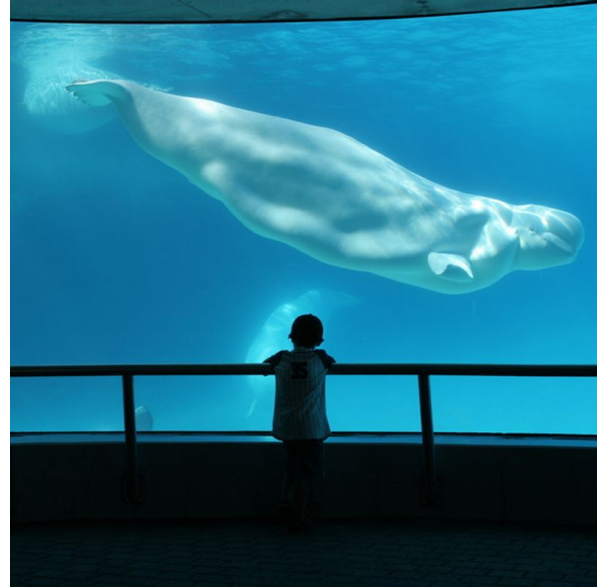




EXTREME ADJECTIVES



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1 Extremely good/bad

Study the following adjectives and put them into the correct categories below.

awful
horrible

brilliant
terrible

dreadful
terrific

fantastic
wonderful

Extremely good:

Extremely bad:

If you want to make an extreme adjective sound more extreme, you can use the word 'absolutely':

absolutely brilliant

absolutely dreadful

But you cannot use 'absolutely' with ordinary adjectives: *absolutely good*

Work in pairs. Take turns to describe something with an adjective above. It can be a film, a performance (e.g. sport, music, acting), the weather, a holiday/vacation, food you have tried, etc. Continue until all the adjectives have been used. For example:

"Spain's performance in the World Cup was absolutely brilliant."



2

From ordinary to extreme

Match the ordinary adjectives on the left with the extreme adjectives on the right.

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| 1. tired | a. boiling |
| 2. hungry | b. delicious |
| 3. dirty | c. exhausted |
| 4. crowded | d. filthy |
| 5. angry | e. freezing |
| 6. small | f. furious |
| 7. big | g. huge |
| 8. hot | h. packed |
| 9. cold | i. starving |
| 10. tasty | j. tiny |

Complete the email below with the extreme adjectives from page 1. More than one answer may be possible in some cases.

Greetings from Tokyo!

This city is _____¹ - I can definitely see why it's the biggest metropolitan area in the world.

I've spent most of the day travelling on the subway, and I'm completely _____². The trains are so _____³, especially during rush hour. There are even special employees who push passengers in so that the doors can close!

People say that the city's high population adds to the summer heat. And I can tell you that it was absolutely _____⁴ today. But unlike other large cities I've visited, which can be _____⁵, Tokyo's streets are extremely clean.

Now, I'm back at the hotel. I'm staying at one of Tokyo's famous high-rise hotels. The view of the city from my window is simply _____⁶.

Anyway, I must go now. I haven't eaten all day and I'm absolutely _____⁷. I'm going to have sushi at this small restaurant across the street. I've heard the food there is _____⁸.

See you!

Work with a partner. Take turns to describe a place you have visited using extreme adjectives.



3

Homework

Your friend wants to visit your home town or country. Write an email recommending which places or cities he/she should visit, which areas should be avoided, the best time of the year to come and when he/she should avoid coming. Use as many extreme adjectives as possible.



Key

1. Extremely good/bad

Students can work alone and check in pairs. Go through the answers with the class. Point out the use of the adverb 'absolutely'. 'Very' or 'really' can be used with ordinary adjectives, but 'very' is not normally used with extreme adjectives, e.g. we cannot say 'very wonderful'. Monitor the pairwork activity.

Extremely good: brilliant, wonderful, fantastic, terrific

Extremely bad: Extremely bad: horrible, terrible, awful, dreadful

2. From ordinary to extreme

Point out: extreme adjective = 'very' + ordinary adjective, e.g. very tired = exhausted.

1. c 2. i 3. d 4. h 5. f 6. j 7. g 8. a 9. e 10. b

Students can work alone and check in pairs. Pre-teach any unfamiliar words, e.g. 'rush hour' and 'high-rise', or be prepared to answer questions about vocabulary. Go through the answers with the class, and monitor the speaking activity at the end of the exercise.

1. huge
2. exhausted
3. packed
4. boiling
5. filthy
6. wonderful/terrific/fantastic
7. starving
8. delicious/wonderful/terrific/fantastic