

Homework

Non-Gradable Adjectives

A. Underline the Non-Gradable Adjective in each sentence.

1. The temperature went up to 43 degrees. It was *hot / boiling!*
2. We were all *sad / devastated* when we heard the dreadful news.
3. The exam was completely *difficult / impossible*. There's no way I've passed.
4. I'm surprised they don't get lost in their house. It's absolutely *huge / big!*
5. When the man held his gun to my face, I was *afraid / terrified*.

B. Match the sentence halves with their correct endings, changing the words in brackets into Non-Gradable Adjectives.

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| 1. Go and wash your hands now! They're | a. (small) |
| 2. She wears a size 2 shoe. Her feet are | b. absolutely! (ugly) |
| 3. I've never laughed so much in a film. It was | c.! (handsome) |
| 4. I didn't have any lunch, so I'm | d. absolutely (funny) |
| 5. After working a 36-hour shift, Sam was | e. was! (interesting) |
| 6. That guy looks like a model; he's absolutely..... | f. completely (tired) |
| 7. When I told Mum I'd broken the window, she | g. absolutely (hungry) |
| 8. I'll never eat in that restaurant again. The | h. was (angry) |
| 9. It's the ugliest building I've ever seen. It's | i. absolutely! (dirty) |
| 10. We learned so many cool things on the tour. It | j. food was! (bad) |

C. Complete the sentences, changing the words in the box into Non-Gradable Adjectives.

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1. We were all when Dad told us we were going to Australia for a holiday.
2. The restaurant was completely, so we had no chance of getting a table.
3. By the time I'd finished mopping, the floor was absolutely
4. Those temples are; they were built over 3000 years ago.
5. It's absolutely in here! We need to turn up the heating.



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Homework answers

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For exercises B and C, other answers may be possible in some cases. Please use your judgement.

Exercise A

1. boiling
2. devastated
3. impossible
4. huge
5. terrified

Exercise B

1. i, filthy
2. a, tiny
3. d, hilarious
4. g, starving
5. f, exhausted
6. c, gorgeous
7. h, furious
8. j, disgusting
9. b, hideous
10. e, fascinating

Exercise C

1. thrilled
2. packed
3. spotless
4. ancient
5. freezing