

## Gradable and extreme adjectives jigsaw games

### Instructions for teachers

*Choose which set(s) of cards from below you are going to use. Cut up one set of cards per group of two to four students. The cards can be cut up many different ways, but make sure that each card is made up of at least two boxes from the table (in other words there are no cards consisting of just one box). With weaker classes, you can cut the worksheet into cards with three, four or even five boxes each. With the four columns version, you might want to tell them one or more of the corners or give them the grid with corners to work on, so that they know where to start.*

*After completing the jigsaw and checking their answers with a copy of the worksheet, students can test each other on the words, by:*

- Reading out a gradable and extreme adjective and seeing if their partner can identify which is which
- Reading out a gradable adjective and seeing if their partner can say the extreme version of it
- Reading out a gradable or extreme adjective and seeing if their partner can say the other version
- Reading out a word and seeing if their partner can say the opposite (making sure that the opposite of an extreme adjective is another extreme adjective)

Cards to cut up/ Suggested answers  
 Gradable and extreme adjective pairs version

annoying/ irritating	infuriating
ugly	hideous
bad	awful/ dreadful/ terrible
good	great/ fantastic/ splendid
boring	mind-numbing/ stupefying
interesting	fascinating/ spellbinding
exciting	gripping/ thrilling
dirty	filthy
confusing	mind-boggling/ mystifying
glad/ happy/ pleased	overjoyed
disappointed	devastated
tasty	mouth-watering
tiring	exhausting
expensive/ pricey	exorbitant
full	stuffed
unimportant	pointless/ worthless
impressive	awe inspiring
loud/ noisy	ear-splitting
moving	heart-wrenching
old	ancient
painful	excruciating
silly	idiotic/ ridiculous
surprised	amazed/ astonished
thirsty	parched
hungry/ peckish	starving

**Synonyms of gradable and extreme adjectives version**

amusing	funny	hilarious	side-splitting
annoyed	irritated/ angry	furious	enraged
attractive/ pretty	good looking	gorgeous	stunning
big	large	huge/ gigantic	massive/ enormous
little	small	tiny	minuscule/ minute
cool	cold	freezing	frozen
warm	hot	baking/ boiling	roasting
sad	unhappy	miserable	heartbroken
drunk	tipsy/ merry	wasted/ wrecked	blotto
sleepy	tired	exhausted	shattered/ knackered
frightened	scared	terrified	petrified
necessary	important	crucial/ vital	essential
nice	pleasant	charming/ lovely	delightful
rich	wealthy	filthy rich	loaded

**Opposites of gradable and extreme adjectives version**

*Gradable and extreme adjective pairs are next to each other, with opposites above/ below*

attractive/ good looking/ pretty	gorgeous/ stunning
ugly	hideous
good	great/ brilliant/ fantastic/ terrific
bad	awful/ disastrous/ dreadful/ terrible
big/ large	huge/ massive/ gigantic/ enormous
small/ little	tiny/ minuscule/ minute
boring	mind-numbing
interesting	captivating/ fascinating/ spellbinding
cool/ cold	freezing/ frozen
warm/ hot	boiling/ baking/ roasting
depressed/ sad/ unhappy	miserable/ heartbroken
glad/ happy/ pleased	overjoyed
dry	parched

wet	soaked/ sopping
sleepy/ tired	exhausted/ shattered
energetic	hyper
hungry	starving
full	stuffed
important	crucial/ vital/ essential
unimportant	pointless/ worthless
poor	poverty-stricken/ penniless
rich/ wealthy	loaded/ filthy rich
tasty	delicious/ mouth- watering/ lip-smacking
yucky	revolting/ sickening/ repulsive
nice/ pleasant	charming/ lovely/ delightful
unpleasant/ nasty	revolting

**Synonyms of gradable and extreme adjectives grid with corners in**

amusing			side-splitting
rich			loaded