

Gradable and extreme adjectives speaking card game

Spread the cards across the table face up. Use as many cards as you can to make sentences about things you have in common (opinions in common, experiences in common, etc), with sentences like “We both think/ find/ have/ have found/ feel/ believe/...”

Suggested discussion questions

- How would you feel if...?
- How... is/ are... (in this country/ town)?
- How... would you be if...?
- How... would you have to be to...?
- How... would... have to be for you to...?
- What would you do if...?
- Would you agree/ say that... is/ are...?/ Would you describe ... as...?
- Would you... (just) because...?/ Would you... if you were...?

Useful phrases for agreeing

I totally agree./ That's quite right./ I have exactly the same opinion.
I think that is fair/ a good description.

Useful phrases for disagreeing

I wouldn't go as far as that. I'd say.../ I wouldn't go as far as to say... More like...
I would go even further and say...

Ask about any cards which you couldn't use, then work together to match the cards with gradable adjectives and extreme adjectives with similar meanings (extreme adjective = very + gradable adjective). There is more than one match for each.

Make sure that you have two gradable adjectives and two extreme adjectives in each group, then match them to opposites to help and to start checking your answers.

Put the adverb cards into columns by which kinds of words they go with.

Check with un-cut-up copies of the worksheets. Synonyms are paired next to each other, with gradable and extreme adjectives with similar meanings on the same line. Opposites are above and below each other.

Test each other on the adjectives:

- Say two words with the same or related meanings, and see if your partner can say how they are related
- Say the gradable and extreme adjectives mixed up and see if your partner can say which is which
- Say three of the four things on one line and see if your partner can say the fourth thing
- Say seven of the eight words with similar and opposite meanings and see if your partner can say the eighth word

with extreme adjectives	absolutely	completely
	totally	utterly
	perfectly	entirely
with gradable adjectives	slightly	a little
	a bit	not very
	fairly	very
	extremely	incredibly
with both	pretty	really

amusing/ humorous	funny	hilarious	side-splitting
serious	sad/ solemn	tragic	dead serious
attractive/ pretty	good looking	gorgeous	stunning
ugly	unattractive	hideous	gruesome- looking
big	large	huge/ gigantic	massive/ enormous
little	small	tiny	minuscule/ minute
cool	cold	freezing	frozen
warm	hot	baking/ boiling	roasting
sad	unhappy	miserable	heartbroken
glad/ pleased	happy	delighted	overjoyed
sleepy	tired	exhausted	shattered/ knackered
lively	energetic	hyper	hyperactive
necessary	important	crucial/ vital	essential
unimportant	trivial	pointless	worthless
rich	wealthy	filthy rich	loaded

poor	low income	penniless	broke
good	decent	great/ brilliant	fantastic/ splendid
bad	deficient/ inferior	awful/ terrible	dreadful/ disastrous
boring	uninteresting	mind- numbing	soul destroying
interesting	stimulating	captivating	fascinating
damp	wet	soaked	sopping
dry	dehydrated	parched	bone dry
hungry	peckish	starving	dying of hunger
full	satiated	stuffed	full up/ fit to burst
tasty	palatable	delicious/ lip- smacking	mouth- watering
yucky	unappetising	revolting	sickening
frightened	scared	terrified	petrified
brave	courageous	fearless	heroic
drunk/ intoxicated	tipsy/ merry	wasted/ wrecked	blotto/ smashed
sober	straight/ temperate	stone cold sober	clear- headed/ dry