

Let's talk about a sneaky word: *very*. It loves to hang out in our sentences, but we can do better than that! By learning new vocabulary, we can not only make our English sound better but also be more precise to express what we have in mind.

Instead of **very good** we can say **superb**.

Instead of **very bad** we can say **atrocious**.

Instead of **very hungry** we can say **starving**.

Instead of **very angry** we can say **furious**.

Instead of **very tired** we can say **exhausted**.

Instead of **very loud** we can say **deafening**.

Instead of **very hot** we can say **boiling**.

Instead of **very cold** we can say **freezing**.

Instead of **very beautiful** we can say **gorgeous**.

Instead of **very interesting** we can say **absorbing**.

Instead of **very important** we can say **crucial**.

Instead of **very unimportant** we can say **irrelevant**.

Instead of **very big** we can say **huge**.

Instead of **very small** we can say **tiny**.

Instead of **very clean** we can say **spotless**.

Instead of **very dirty** we can say **filthy**.

It's time to practice. Let's complete these sentences dropping the 'very'.



Choose the correct adjective from the list to complete the sentences.

- 1 The ~~VERY LOUD~~ _____ noise woke me up early in the morning.
- 2 Mum will be ~~VERY ANGRY~~ _____ when I tell her I'd broken the kitchen sink.
- 3 This ~~VERY INTERESTING~~ _____ book got me engaged from beginning to end. I couldn't stop reading!
- 4 She looked ~~VERY TIRED~~ _____ after working all day.

Choose the correct adjective from the list to complete the sentences.

A Use **FILTHY** or **GORGEOUS**

Oh! Look at the kitchen. It's terribly _____. We need to clean it up!

B Use **TINY** or **HUGE**

I'm not so sure about this flat... It's _____! There's only two of us so I'd not go for this one.

C Use **IRRELEVANT** or **CRUCIAL**

This is going to be in the exam, so it's _____ that you take down notes.

D Use **FREEZING** or **BOILING**

What are you doing? It's _____ outside, why are you grabbing a jacket?
It's 30°C!

Done? It's time to check your answers!

1 DEAFENING 2 FURIOUS 3 ABSORBING 4 EXHAUSTED 5 FILTHY 6 HUGE 7 CRUCIAL 8 BOILING



**Thanks for
learning
with us.**

