

Base adjectives vs Strong adjectives

Base adjectives

Base adjectives are normal adjectives that don't have the idea of 'very'

Strong adjectives

Strong adjectives, however, are extreme adjectives that have the idea of 'very'

Examples - gorgeous = very beautiful / huge = very big

Base Adjectives

angry
bad
beautiful
big
cold
dirty
fat
funny
good
happy
hot
hungry
interesting
scared
small
tired
ugly

Strong Adjectives

furious
terrible
gorgeous
huge, enormous
freezing
filthy
obese
hilarious
superb, great, fantastic
thrilled
boiling
starving
fascinating
terrified
tiny
exhausted
awful

How to use very, absolutely and really with base and strong adjectives

Very, absolutely and really are used differently according to whether the adjective is a base or a strong one:

	Very	Absolutely	Really
Base adjectives	✓	✗	✓
Strong adjectives	✗	✓	✓

He was very happy; he was absolutely thrilled. / He was really happy/thrilled.