UNIT 3

Think about a correct word for the following expressions

1. Break violently
2. Very big
3. Forbid something
4. Very surprised
5. Not wanting

Match a base adjective with a strong one

good dirty bad cold frightened funny tasty angry tired pretty/attractive interesting hot surprised clever

Base Adjective Strong adjective

­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ enormous, huge

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ boiling

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ exhausted

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ freezing

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ delicious

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ fascinating

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ horrid, horrible, awful, terrible, disgusting

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ perfect, marvellous, superb, wonderful, fantastic, brilliant

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ filthy

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ astonished, amazed

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ furious

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hilarious

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ terrified

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ beautiful

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ brilliant

**Intensifying Adverbs**

In English there are lots of ways of saying very or very much, for example we can use words such as highly, bitterly, deeply . These alternatives collocate strongly with specific words and other combinations often sound unnatural.

**Highly**

Collocations – unlikely, unusual, successful, competitive, profitable, effective, controversial and recommended

It is **highly unlikely** that I’ll finish my work on time.

Jill’s **highly unusual** behavior began to worry her parents .

**Absolutely, utterly**

Collocations – ridiculous, stupid, impossible, wrong, alone, appalled, convinced, devastated and miserable.

It was an **absolutely stupid** comment to make.

The whole area was **utterly devastated** after the earthquake.

**Bitterly, deeply, ridiculously and strongly**

Bitterly – disappointing, disappointed, resent, criticize, regret, complain, cry and weep

Deeply – ashamed, concerned, shocked, committed, moved, affected, hurt, regret, care, religious, unhappy

Ridiculously – cheap, expensive, easy, low, high, long, short, small, large, early

Strongly- oppose, influence, believe, deny, recommend, support, condemn, suggest, feel , argue, object

I was **bitterly disappointed** when I failed the exam.

Professor Smith was always **deeply committed** to her students.

The restaurant was **ridiculously expensive**. I don’t think we’ll go there again.

I would **strongly recommend** that you learn a foreign language.

**Exercises**

Choose an adverb from the following to replace very in the expressions below:

**Utterly, strongly, bitterly, ridiculously, highly, deeply**

1. Very ashamed

2. Very cheap

3. Very controversial

4. Very stupid

5. Very successful

6. Very disappointing

7. Very opposed

8. Very ridiculous

9. Very easy

10. Very concerned

**In each of these phrases, one is not a correct collocation. Which one is it?**

1. Strongly recommend strongly influence strongly love strongly dislike

2. Highly educated highly profitable highly unusual highly exhausted

3. Bitterly regard bitterly regret bitterly resent bitterly criticize

4. Absolutely convinced absolutely tired absolutely devastated absolutely absurd

5. Deeply unhappy deeply religious deeply successful deeply committed