

ADJECTIVES

WEAK AND STRONG ADJECTIVES

Instead of saying 'very' before weak adjectives, use strong adjectives.

stupid	idiot
ugly	hideous
nice	gorgeous
funny	hilarious
serious	grave
busy	swamped
lazy	indolent, slothful
careful	cautious
hungry	starving
thirsty	parched
happy	delighted
angry	furious
sad	depressed
tasty	delicious
cold	freezing
warm	boiling
kind	generous
big	enormous, huge
small	small
smart	intelligent

Use the following words with strong adjectives:

absolutely, really, completely



ADJECTIVES FROM VERBS

Emotions, feelings '-ed'

I was **bored** in class.

She is **interested** in arts and music.

Personal qualities, traits '-ing'

Karen is an **annoying** person.

The lecture was **exciting**.

ADJECTIVE RULES

Adjectives do not take the plural form:

- The blues shirts are more expensive.
- The blue shirts are more expensive.**

Don't use 'very' with strong adjectives:

- I was very delighted to meet them.
- I was absolutely delighted to meet them.**

Order of adjectives in a sentence:

opinion, size, shape, age, color¹, origin, material, purpose

¹British English: colour