



Quiz topic: Absolutely

1. It's so cold in here - can you put the heating on? I'm absolutely _____!

- a) chilly
- b) boiling
- c) cool
- d) freezing

2. I'm a nurse, so sometimes I have to work night shifts. I find them so tiring, honestly, I'm usually absolutely _____!

- a) exhausted
- b) tired
- c) sleepy
- d) all of the above answers

3. Have you been on that enormous rollercoaster? It's so high and so fast, I was absolutely _____!

- a) frightened
- b) scared
- c) terrified
- d) afraid

4. We just got back from our holidays in Spain; can you believe it was too hot? Everyday it was 100 degrees or more - honestly, it was absolutely _____!

- a) boiling
- b) scorching
- c) baking
- d) all of the above answers

5. Wow - flowers! I love them, thanks - they're absolutely _____!

- a) stunning
- b) gorgeous
- c) beautiful
- d) all of the above answers

6. It's done nothing but rain for 2 days. This weather is absolutely _____!

- a) wet
- b) foul
- c) rainy
- d) raining

ANSWERS

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1. It's so cold in here - can you put the heating on? I'm absolutely _____!

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- b) boiling
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a) If a place is 'chilly', it's a little bit cold, e.g. 'It's a bit chilly out; put your coat on.' But which is correct - 'absolutely chilly' or 'very chilly'? We use 'absolutely' with an extreme (strong) adjective but we usually use 'very' with a base (weak) adjective. What kind of adjective is 'chilly'?

b) This means it's very, very hot. We use 'absolutely' with an extreme (strong) adjective but most often 'very' with a base (weak) adjective. What kind of adjective is 'boiling'?

c) If something is cool, it's not hot - but in a good way, e.g. 'Oh, let's go inside, it's lovely and cool in there.' But which is correct - 'absolutely cool' or 'very cool'? We use 'absolutely' with an extreme (strong) adjective but we usually use 'very' with a base (weak) adjective. What kind of adjective is 'cool'?

d) Well done! This means it's very, very cold. Notice how we use 'absolutely' + an extreme (strong) adjective – in this case 'absolutely freezing'. The others are all base (weak) adjectives which are usually used with 'very'.

2. I'm a nurse, so sometimes I have to work night shifts. I find them so tiring - honestly, I'm usually absolutely _____!

- a) exhausted**
- b) tired
- c) sleepy
- d) all of the above answers

a) Correct! This means very, very tired. Notice how we use 'absolutely' + an extreme (strong) adjective – in this case 'absolutely exhausted'.

b) If you use 'absolutely', you must follow it with a strong adjective, e.g. 'absolutely exhausted' or alternatively, you can say 'very tired'. Is 'tired' an extreme (strong) or a base (weak) adjective?

c) If you use 'absolutely', you must follow it with a strong adjective, e.g. 'absolutely exhausted' or alternatively, you can say 'very sleepy'. Is 'sleepy' an extreme (strong) or a base (weak) adjective?

d) Only one of the answers can be used with 'absolutely'.

3. Have you been on that enormous rollercoaster? It's so high and so fast, I was absolutely _____!

- a) frightened
- b) scared
- c) terrified**
- d) afraid

- a) If you use 'absolutely', you must follow it with a strong adjective, e.g. 'terrified'. Alternatively, you can say 'very frightened' or even 'so frightened' but is 'frightened' an extreme (strong) or a base (weak) adjective?
- b) If you use 'absolutely', you must follow it with a strong adjective, e.g. 'terrified'. Alternatively, you can say 'very scared' or even 'so scared' but is 'frightened' an extreme (strong) or a base (weak) adjective?
- c) That's right! If you use 'absolutely', you must follow it with a strong adjective - in this case 'absolutely terrified'.**
- d) If you use 'absolutely', you must follow it with a strong adjective, e.g. 'terrified'. Alternatively, you can say 'really afraid' or even 'so afraid' but is 'afraid' an extreme (strong) or a base (weak) adjective?

4. We just got back from our holidays in Spain; can you believe it was too hot for us? Everyday it was 100 degrees or more - honestly, it was absolutely _____!

- a) boiling
b) scorching
c) baking
d) all of the above answers

- a) This means it's very, very hot. Notice how we use 'absolutely' + an extreme (strong) adjective - in this case 'boiling'. But are there any other extreme adjectives to choose from?
- b) This means it's very, very hot. Notice how we use 'absolutely' + an extreme (strong) adjective - in this case 'scorching'. But are there any other extreme adjectives to choose from?
- c) This means it's very, very hot. Notice how we use 'absolutely' + an extreme (strong) adjective - in this case 'baking'. But are there any other extreme adjectives to choose from?
- d) Correct! All the above adjectives are correct because they are all extreme (strong) adjectives.**

5. Wow - flowers! I love them, thanks - they're absolutely _____!

- a) stunning
b) gorgeous
c) beautiful
d) all of the above answers

- a) This means they are very, very nice/attractive. Notice how we use 'absolutely' + an extreme (strong) adjective - in this case 'stunning'. But are all the others base (weak) adjectives?
- b) This means they are very, very nice/attractive. Notice how we use 'absolutely' + an extreme (strong) adjective - in this case 'gorgeous'. But are all the others base (weak) adjectives?
- c) This means they are very, very nice/attractive - notice how we use 'absolutely' + an extreme (strong) adjective - in this case 'beautiful'. But are all the others base (weak) adjectives?
- d) All the above adjectives are correct; notice how we use 'absolutely' + an extreme (strong) adjective.**

6. It's done nothing but rain for 2 days. This weather is absolutely _____!

- a) wet
- b) foul**
- c) rainy
- d) damp

a) You can say 'it's very wet' but if we say 'absolutely' we need to use an extreme (strong) adjective. Which adjective is *stronger* than the others?

b) That's right! This means it is very, very wet/horrible outside. Notice how we use 'absolutely' + an extreme (strong) adjective - in this case 'absolutely foul'.

c) You can say 'it's very rainy' but if we say 'absolutely' we need to use an extreme adjective. Which adjective is *stronger* than the others?

d) You can say 'it's very damp' but if we say 'absolutely' we need to use an extreme (strong) adjective. Which adjective is *stronger* than the others?

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