

5.3 Vocabulary development

Vocabulary extreme adjectives

1a Complete the responses with extreme adjectives from the box.

astonishing brilliant delicious
enormous exhausted freezing terrible
terrifying

- A Were you very tired after the race?
B Tired? We were absolutely exhausted!
- A Ooh, this tomato sauce is really tasty.
B It's more than tasty. It's absolutely _____!
- A Brrr! It's a bit too cold for me in here.
B I know. It's absolutely _____!
- A It's a really big house. It has eighteen bedrooms.
B It's more than big. It's absolutely _____!
- A The horror film was very scary!
B Yes! It was absolutely _____!
- A She's really clever and got As in all her exams.
B I think she's absolutely _____!
- A It's raining again. The weather's been really bad this month.
B It's rained every day! The weather's been absolutely _____!
- A I didn't expect her to win the contest. The result was very surprising.
B Surprising?! It was absolutely _____!

b 5.2))) Listen and check your answers. Notice the stress on *absolutely* and the extreme adjectives.

c 5.3))) Listen and repeat.

2 Choose the correct adjectives to complete the TV guide.

Vocabulary review

3 Complete the questions about a film with the words in the box.

based cast characters effects remake
performance *plɒt* scenes set star

- A What's the ¹ plot ?
B A family move into a house and strange things happen.
- A Where is it ² _____ ?
B In a house on Long Island, New York.
- A Who's the ³ _____ ?
B Canadian actor Ryan Reynolds.
- A Is his ⁴ _____ good?
B Yes - he's really good in the film.
- A Who else is in the ⁵ _____ ?
B Melissa George and Philip Baker Hall.
- A What ⁶ _____ do they play?
B The wife and a priest.
- A Is it a ⁷ _____ ?
B Yes, they made the same film in 1979.
- A Are there violent ⁸ _____ ?
B Yes! It's a horror film!
- A Are there special ⁹ _____ ?
B Yes! The house falls down!
- A Is it *The Amityville Horror*?
B That's right!

4 Circle the word with a similar meaning to the word in capitals.

- FUNNY a amusing b surprising c predictable
- DULL a violent b unexciting c silly
- ENJOYABLE a original b ordinary c entertaining
- CLEVER a silly b intelligent c disappointing

| | | 7 p.m. | 8 p.m. | 9 p.m. | 10 p.m. |
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| Tonight's TV | CHANNEL 1 | THE HEALTH SHOW Today's show gives advice on how to avoid feeling very ¹ <u>tired</u> / <i>exhausted</i> in the afternoon. | CROWN STREET Old friends Mo and Alex find it absolutely ² <i>difficult</i> / <i>impossible</i> to live together. | GARDENING TODAY It's a bit too ³ <i>cold</i> / <i>freezing</i> to plant seeds. Alan Marsh explains why. | FILM: NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET An extremely ⁴ <i>scary</i> / <i>terrifying</i> film. Be warned! |
| | CHANNEL 2 | SPACE A documentary with absolutely ⁵ <i>surprising</i> / <i>astonishing</i> pictures of Jupiter's moons. | COOKING TODAY How to cook very ⁶ <i>tasty</i> / <i>delicious</i> biscuits. | UNUSUAL LIVES A look at the life of an extremely ⁷ <i>clever</i> / <i>brilliant</i> boy who is already one of the country's leading mathematicians. | FILM: THE WOLF OF WALL STREET An absolutely ⁸ <i>good</i> / <i>brilliant</i> performance by Leonardo DiCaprio. |