



Replacing Overused Intensifiers Exercise

Choose the ungradable adjective that naturally replaces 'very + adjective' in the sentence. Only one option is correct.

1. The room was **very cold**. _____ (glacial / gigantic)
2. I thought that the film was **very good**. _____ (fantastic / freezing)
3. My mum was **very happy** with her present. _____ (overjoyed / scorching)
4. The mountain we climbed was **very big**. _____ (enormous / dreadful)
5. After the long hike, he was **very tired**. _____ (exhausted / fascinating)
6. He was **very sad** when his dog ran away. _____ (devastated / boiling)
7. Her exam result was **very bad**. _____ (atrocious / captivating)
8. The wind by the lake was **very cold**. _____ (cutting / brilliant)
9. It was **very hot** yesterday. _____ (scorching / miserable)
10. Her performance on stage was **very good**. _____ (brilliant / freezing)
11. The weather was **very hot** during our beach holiday. _____ (boiling / heartbroken)
12. It was a **very interesting** _____ novel, from start to finish. (gripping / massive)
13. The tiny kitten looked **very small** in my hands. _____ (miniature / dreadful)
14. John felt **very happy** when his team won the match. _____ (delighted / freezing)
15. The building had 14 floors - it was **very big**! _____ (gigantic / miserable)



16. Julie was **very tired** after working all day. _____ (shattered / sweltering)
17. The ending of film made me **very sad**. _____ (miserable / enormous)
18. The presentation was **very interesting**. _____ (engaging / freezing)
19. That cake tastes **very good**. _____ (wonderful / dreadful)
20. I keep my photos in a **very small** _____ box. (compact / atrocious)



Answers:

1. The room was **glacial**.
2. I thought that the film was **fantastic**.
3. My mum was **overjoyed** with her present.
4. The mountain we climbed was **enormous**.
5. After the long hike, he was **exhausted**.
6. He was **devastated** when his dog ran away.
7. Her exam result was **atrocious**.
8. The wind by the lake was **cutting**.
9. It was **scorching** yesterday.
10. Her performance on stage was **brilliant**.
11. The weather was **boiling** during our beach holiday.
12. It was a **gripping** novel, from start to finish.
13. The tiny kitten looked **miniature** in my hands.
14. John felt **delighted** when his team won the match.
15. The building had 14 floors – it was **gigantic**!
16. Julie was **shattered** after working all day.
17. The ending of the film made me **miserable**.
18. The presentation was **engaging**.
19. That cake tastes **wonderful**.
20. I keep my photos in a very **compact** box.