

Absolutely Fabulous!

- 1 Vocabulary.** Which of the following are strong adjectives? Cross out ones that aren't very strong.

big	amazing	enormous	good	wonderful	funny	hilarious
tiny	furious	brilliant	angry	freezing	cold	hot
boiling	huge	fun	fantastic			

- 2 Using the language.** You have very strong opinions! Fill in the spaces with an appropriate adjective:

1. I think Titanic is a/an movie.
2. My job is
3. The traffic at rush hour in the city is
4. Alaska is in winter.
5. Saudi Arabia is in summer.
6. The humidity in Tokyo in summer is
7. My father was when I told him that I'd crashed his car.
8. The portions at that French restaurant were
9. I think that my country's leader is

- 3 Your Turn.** Make some example sentences of your own below. Have strong opinions, and use 'absolutely' each time.



Absolutely Fabulous: Teacher's Notes

Target Structure: *Absolutely* modifier with adjectives

Vocabulary: General

Level: Intermediate

Time: 20 minutes

Preparation: None

Suggested Teaching Method:

Students tend to be comfortable with certain pieces of vocabulary – big, angry, funny and so forth. However, this can make their speech seem dull – there's no variation, and emphasis is done through the word 'very'.

With this worksheet, you can build your students' vocabulary, and make their speech sound more interesting.

- 1 Write on the board 'The movie was very good'. Ask students to think of ways of making the sentence stronger. Hopefully, someone will say 'brilliant' or wonderful. Write this on the board, and try to elicit what's wrong with 'very'

Explain that 'absolutely' can only be used with strong adjectives. It is incorrect to say 'very wonderful'. Stress the fact that 'absolutely' cannot be used with weak adjectives such as 'nice', 'hot' etc.

Give out the worksheet, and ask students to complete exercise 1.

- 2 Follow the instructions in the sheet.
- 3 Follow the instructions on the sheet. Set a time limit. After writing, students should read their sentences to a partner.

Finally, elicit a few sentences, and have a short discussion on one or two people's opinions, if suitable.

Answer Key: (Other answers are possible)

- 1 The following adjectives are not strong: Big, good, funny, angry, cold, hot, fun

- 2 I think Titanic is an **absolutely awful** movie.
My job is **absolutely wonderful**.
The traffic at rush hour in the city is **absolutely terrible**.
Alaska is **absolutely freezing** in winter.
Saudi Arabia is **absolutely boiling** in summer.
The humidity in Tokyo in summer is **absolutely terrible**.
My father was **absolutely furious** when I told him that I'd crashed his car.
The portions at that French restaurant were **absolutely tiny**.
I think that my country's leader is **absolutely useless**.

How are we doing?



We'd be pleased to hear some feedback on our worksheets. You can do so anonymously, if you wish. Let us know what you think, by clicking on the 'Feedback' link from www.handoutsonline.com.

Updated 3/6/04