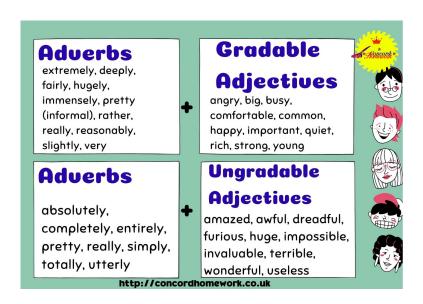
GRADABLE AND UNGRADABLE ADJECTIVES EXPLANATION

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USE:

GRADABLE ADJECTIVES CAN BE USED WITH ADVERBS SUCH AS **VERY** OR **EXTREMELY** TO SAY THAT A THING OR PERSON HAS MORE OR LESS OF A PARTICULAR QUALITY.

UNGRADABLE ADJECTIVES THEMSELVES IMPLY 'TO A LARGE DEGREE' AND ARE SELDOM USED WITH THESE ADVERBS. INSTEAD, WE CAN USE ADVERBS SUCH AS **ABSOLUTELY** OR **TOTALLY**.



- Our teacher gave us a *completely* **impossible** problem to solve.
- She was extremely rich.

Notice that not all the adverbs given can go with all the adjectives given. For example, we wouldn't usually say 'completely essential'. **Really** and **pretty** can be used with both gradable and ungradable adjectives.

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