

**Practice** To complete these exercises you will need to refer to page 369.

**1 Put each adjective into the correct box below. Each box will contain ten adjectives.**

amazing attractive cold correct dead enormous exciting expensive extinct  
fascinating freezing good huge interesting large minute paralysed shy sick ugly

ungradable adjectives

gradable adjectives

**2 Use the words in the box below to make the adjectives in each sentence either stronger or weaker, as in the example. Use each word once only. 2.29 Listen and check.**

a bit absolutely fabulously fairly highly *slightly* somewhat very virtually

**Make these sentences weaker:**

- 0 The dress I bought yesterday is damaged. *..slightly..damaged...*
- 1 These days mobile phones are inexpensive. ....
- 2 Take care when you change gear; the gearstick's stiff. ....
- 3 The inscription on the tomb was indecipherable. ....
- 4 Many of the Inca ceremonies were bloodthirsty. ....

**Make these sentences stronger:**

- 5 Jane's flat was freezing last night. ....
- 6 This new computer game sounds interesting. ....
- 7 Hilary's husband is rich. ....
- 8 Victory in our next game seems unlikely. ....

**3 Six of these sentences contain mistakes. Tick (✓) the correct sentences, then find the mistakes and correct them.**

- 1 We thought the state rooms in the White House were very impressive!
- 2 I'm afraid there's nothing to eat; the fridge is very empty.
- 3 The tour bus is completely full so I've only got six seats left to offer you.
- 4 Come on, Lizzie. Let's get some of those Italian ice creams – I'm very famished.
- 5 We chose the hotel because it was very recommended by our neighbours.
- 6 If you were really serious about your studies, you would have given up that evening job.
- 7 Everyone in our class likes Jackie – she's pretty friendly.
- 8 Jack was a very built man with massive shoulders and a menacing stare.
- 9 I found the funeral ceremony absolutely moving.
- 10 The Ambassador would be highly delighted to accept this honour on behalf of the President.