

SPOKEN ENGLISH Adjective intensifiers

- 1 Look at these lines from what the people said. Which words intensify the adjective?

'He used to make these dead languages seem *dead easy*.'

'He had a *razor-sharp* wit.'

- 2 Complete the sentences with a word from the box.

brand stiff freezing tiny wide great boiling fast

- 1 They live in this _____ **big** house in the centre of London.
 - 2 I made one _____ **little** mistake in my driving test, but I still failed.
 - 3 Careful with the soup – it's _____ **hot**. Don't scald yourself.
 - 4 It's _____ **cold** in here. Can't we put on the heating?
 - 5 Do you like my car? It's _____ **new**.
 - 6 Don't worry. You won't wake the children. They're _____ **asleep**.
 - 7 I have a cold shower every morning, then I feel _____ **awake**.
 - 8 'I'm fed up with this lesson.' 'Me, too. I'm **bored** _____.'
- 3 Find more examples in audioscript 9.8 on pages 148 and 149.