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Don't say: "She is a very excellent worker."

Say: "She is an excellent worker."

Unique, huge, excellent, impossible, terrible, etc. are non-gradable adjectives and so we cannot use them with adverbs such as **very** or **extremely**. We can use them with **absolutely, completely**, etc. which shows their extreme.



PERSONALITY

S – Susan, T – Tom

S: Hi Tom, what do you think of our **brand new** colleague Christina?

T: Hi Susan, in my opinion she is an excellent worker. She even often works **overtime** in order to improve our system.

S: Oh, really? She is very **hard-working**.

T: I would say she is also very **independent** as she hardly ever asks me for advice.

S: Yes, and I find her very **reliable**. Whenever I need help, she **gives me a hand**.

T: Hmm, she really is the opposite of the colleague who **used-to-be** in her position. He was absolutely terrible as he often was **moody** and sometimes even **mean**.

S: You are right. We should be happy to have her.

T: Definitely....Now I don't want to be **bossy**, but let's continue with our new project.

S: Let's do it!

VOCABULARY

brand new – zbrusu nový

overtime – přesčas

hard-working – pracovitý

independent – nezávislý

mean – protivný

reliable – spolehlivý

give a hand – pomoci

used-to-be – bývalý

bossy – panovačný

moody – náladový

QUESTIONS: Fill in **unique, huge, excellent, impossible** into the sentences.

1. She has had a _____ success with her presentation.
2. It is _____ to be mean to your boss.
3. His business results were _____.
4. We were looking for a new _____ product in the market.

Key: 1. Huge 2. impossible 3. excellent 4. unique