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**Present perfect + for / since, present perfect continuous**

**1) Vocabulary:** strong adjectives

Strong adjectives are extreme adjectives that have the idea of *very*.

**Examples:**

gorgeous = very beautiful

huge = very big

**Exercise:**

1. A Was Lisa's father angry about the car accident?  
B Yes, he was **furious**!
2. A Is Oliver's flat \_\_\_\_\_?  
B Yes, it's really **tiny** - just a bedroom and a sitting room.
3. A Are you \_\_\_\_\_ of flying?  
B Yes, I'm **terrified**! I never fly anywhere.
4. A There was an \_\_\_\_\_ documentary about whales on TV last night.  
B Yes, I thought it was **fascinating**.
5. A Are you very \_\_\_\_\_?  
B I'm **starving**! I haven't eaten all day.
6. A Is your parents' house \_\_\_\_\_?  
B It's **huge** (or **enormous**). It has seven bedrooms.
7. A Was it \_\_\_\_\_ in Dubai?

B It was **boiling!** 45 degrees.

8. A Was Jack's kitchen \_\_\_\_\_?

B It was **filthy**. It took us three hours to clean it.

9. A Are your parents \_\_\_\_\_ about the wedding?

B They're **delighted**. In fact, they want to pay for everything!

10. A Was the film \_\_\_\_\_?

B It was **hilarious**. We laughed the whole way through.

11. A Are you \_\_\_\_\_ you locked the door?

B I'm **positive**. I remember turning the key.

12. A Were you \_\_\_\_\_ to hear that Ted and Sonia have broken up?

B I was absolutely amazed! I never thought it would happen.

With strong adjectives like **exhausted**, you can use *absolutely*, *completely*, *really*, or *totally*, but not very (NOT very exhausted). We often give strong adjectives extra stress.

2) **Grammar:** present perfect + for / since, present perfect continuous