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| **Intensifiers: Very Versus Too** | |
| **USE:** | Students of English often confuse the use of **VERY** and **TOO**.  Looking at the chart from the previous exercise, we see that **VERY** is used for a large degree. It tells us there is a lot of something. **TOO** is used when there is a lot of something and that amount or degree is more than we want. It is used to indicate that something is excessive.  *It is* ***very*** *hot.* (The temperature is high. This is neither a good nor bad situation.)  *It is* ***too*** *hot.* (The temperature is higher than I want or like. This is a bad situation.)  **TOO** can be further modified with other intensifiers, to make it stronger or weaker. But regardless, **TOO** always indicates that we have more than we want or need.  *It is* ***way*** *too hot!* (The temperature is high and I **really** don’t like it.)  *It is a* ***bit*** *too hot.* (The temperature is high. I don’t like it but it is not so bad.) |

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| *Select either TOO or VERY to fill in the blanks.* |

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| 1. | The book is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ interesting. You should read it. |
| 2. | We are going to offer you the job. You are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ qualified. |
| 3. | I don’t want to date him. He is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ tall! |
| 4. | This food is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ good. You should try it. |
| 5. | We were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ late. She had already left. |
| 6. | We were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ late. But it was okay, the show had not started. |
| 7. | This computer is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ fast. I think I will buy it. |
| 8. | Sports cars are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ expensive. I would never buy one. |
| 9. | I can’t reach the top shelf in the cupboard. I am \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ short. |
| 10. | This meeting is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ important. Make sure you are there. |