

?Q. What is the difference between gradable and non- gradable antonyms

Gradable antonyms denote qualities that can be measured in terms of degree; this implies the possibility of using comparative forms (more \less, er) because they represent two opposite extremes of a continuous scale of qualities in comparison (to) non gradable antonyms

Q. Some of the non -gradable opposites are gradable in certain contexts.

.Explain

When secondary implication (attribute) is being emphasized (i.e. when connotative meanings are stressed) the **non- gradable** antonym turns into gradable since the emphasis is on the secondary (associative) meaning, not the .primary (denotative) meaning

.e.g. He is more alive to the dangers of situation than his wife

Q. Binary opposites are described as exhaustive and mutually exclusive .

.Elaborate

Exhaustive means that pairs in such pairs of antonyms cannot both be false (a man cannot be neither single nor married) while exclusive means that pairs in such pairs of antonyms cannot both be true (a man cannot be both alive and (dead