



# Compound Adjectives – Practice Exercises

Instructions: Complete the exercises below. Pay attention to hyphenation and choose the correct compound adjective forms.

## Exercise 1 – Fill in the blanks

Complete each sentence with a suitable compound adjective. Use the words in brackets.

- 1) We stayed in a beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ cottage by the lake. (two / storey)
- 2) She always buys \_\_\_\_\_ yoghurt. (low / fat)
- 3) They live in a \_\_\_\_\_ house near the beach. (red / roof)
- 4) He is a very \_\_\_\_\_ person and never changes his opinion. (narrow / minded)
- 5) It was a \_\_\_\_\_ trip to Scotland. (three / hour)
- 6) The article was interesting and \_\_\_\_\_. (thought / provoking)
- 7) We met a \_\_\_\_\_ couple on holiday. (middle / aged)
- 8) This is a \_\_\_\_\_ café – you can bring your dog. (pet / friendly)
- 9) She is a \_\_\_\_\_ writer in her country. (well / known)
- 10) The tomatoes we use are \_\_\_\_\_. (sun / dried)

## Exercise 2 – Choose the correct option

Underline or circle the correct form.

- 1) It was a (long term / long-term) plan for the company.
- 2) He bought a (high quality / high-quality) camera.
- 3) She is very (open minded / open-minded).
- 4) We took a (two weeks / two-week) holiday in Italy.
- 5) The child is (well behaved / well-behaved).
- 6) They live in a (snow covered / snow-covered) village.
- 7) This is a (fast growing / fast-growing) business.
- 8) He is a (hard working / hard-working) student.



### Exercise 3 – Rewrite the sentences

Rewrite each sentence using a compound adjective.

- 1) It was a journey that lasted five hours. → It was a \_\_\_\_\_ journey.
- 2) She is a person who is easy to get along with. → She is an \_\_\_\_\_ person.
- 3) The building has three storeys. → It is a \_\_\_\_\_ building.
- 4) He is a man with a strong will. → He is a \_\_\_\_\_ man.
- 5) The food is made at home. → It is \_\_\_\_\_ food.
- 6) The report is well written and easy to understand. → It is a \_\_\_\_\_ report.

### Exercise 4 – Make compound adjectives

Join the words to make a correct compound adjective and use it in the sentence.

- 1) eye + catching → The shop had \_\_\_\_\_ decorations.
- 2) good + looking → She married a \_\_\_\_\_ actor.
- 3) English + speaking → I want to move to an \_\_\_\_\_ country.
- 4) money + saving → Our teacher gave us some \_\_\_\_\_ tips.
- 5) wind + powered → They use \_\_\_\_\_ generators.
- 6) absent + minded → He is so \_\_\_\_\_ that he forgot his keys again.



## Answer Key

Exercise 1: 1) two-storey 2) low-fat 3) red-roofed / red-roof (possible) 4) narrow-minded 5) three-hour 6) thought-provoking 7) middle-aged 8) pet-friendly 9) well-known 10) sun-dried

Exercise 2: 1) long-term 2) high-quality 3) open-minded 4) two-week 5) well-behaved 6) snow-covered 7) fast-growing 8) hard-working

Exercise 3: 1) five-hour 2) easy-going 3) three-storey 4) strong-willed 5) home-made / homemade 6) well-written

Exercise 4: 1) eye-catching 2) good-looking 3) English-speaking 4) money-saving 5) wind-powered 6) absent-minded