



Compound Adjectives to Describe People – Practice Worksheet

This worksheet will help you practise useful compound adjectives for describing people. Complete all exercises. An answer key is included at the end.

Exercise 1 – Match the adjective to its meaning

Write the correct number (1–10) next to each adjective.

1. very sensitive and easily offended
2. very relaxed and calm
3. only thinking about yourself
4. not generous with money
5. calm and sensible in difficult situations
6. kind and friendly
7. getting angry very easily
8. thinking you are more important than others
9. very determined and not easily influenced
10. willing to accept new ideas

Adjectives:

- a) thin-skinned
- b) laid-back
- c) self-centred
- d) tight-fisted
- e) level-headed
- f) good-natured
- g) short-tempered
- h) big-headed
- i) strong-willed
- j) open-minded



Exercise 2 – Complete the sentences

Use one of these compound adjectives:

hard-working, easy-going, absent-minded, two-faced, well-dressed, narrow-minded, quick-thinking, single-minded, big-hearted, well-behaved

1. He is very _____ and never forgets his goals.
2. She's a _____ student who always finishes her work on time.
3. Our manager is quite _____; he never gets stressed.
4. The children were polite and _____ during the visit.
5. Everyone likes her because she's _____ and always helps others.
6. He looks very _____ in that suit.
7. She can be a bit _____; she often forgets where she put her phone.
8. I don't trust him. He's _____ and says different things to different people.
9. You need to be _____ to work in emergency situations.
10. Some people are still very _____ and refuse to accept new ideas.

Exercise 3 – Rewrite the sentences using a compound adjective

Rewrite each sentence using ONE compound adjective from the lesson.

1. He works very hard and never gives up. → He is a _____ man.
2. She is very relaxed and never worries much. → She is very _____.
3. He gets angry very easily. → He is quite _____.
4. She is very sensitive and takes everything personally. → She is _____.
5. He is not generous with money. → He is _____.
6. She is kind and always ready to help others. → She is _____.

Exercise 4 – Choose the correct option

1. He's very (open-minded / narrow-minded). He never listens to other opinions.
2. You can't be (thin-skinned / strong-willed) in politics.
3. She's always calm in a crisis. She's very (level-headed / absent-minded).
4. He's very (big-headed / big-hearted) and gives money to charity regularly.
5. Our teacher is (easy-going / short-tempered) and never shouts.



Answer Key

Exercise 1

a-1, b-2, c-3, d-4, e-5, f-6, g-7, h-8, i-9, j-10

Exercise 2

1. single-minded

2. hard-working

3. easy-going

4. well-behaved

5. big-hearted

6. well-dressed

7. absent-minded

8. two-faced

9. quick-thinking

10. narrow-minded

Exercise 3 (sample answers)

1. hard-working

2. laid-back / easy-going

3. short-tempered

4. thin-skinned

5. tight-fisted

6. big-hearted / good-natured

Exercise 4

1. narrow-minded

2. thin-skinned

3. level-headed

4. big-hearted

5. easy-going