



# 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