

Activity Type

Interactive reading, matching and writing exercises

Language Focus

Compound adjectives

Aim

To learn how to form and use compound adjectives.

Preparation

Send each student a copy of the interactive worksheet.

Level

Intermediate (A2-B1)

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

This interactive worksheet helps you to teach your students how to form and use compound adjectives.

Procedure

Read through the introduction and review the different ways to form compound adjectives together with the class.

Next, have the students describe the nouns in the first exercise using compound adjectives. Go through the first one as an example, i.e. a ten-minute walk.

When the students have finished, go through the correct answers.

After that, students move on to match words together to form 12 compound adjectives and then use them to complete sentences.

The students then describe themselves or someone they know using compound adjectives.

Finally, review the students' descriptions and give feedback.

(Answer key on the next page)

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Answer key**Exercise A**

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| 1. a ten-minute walk | 11. a mouth-watering dessert |
| 2. a twelve-story building | 12. a strong-willed woman |
| 3. a five-year-old boy | 13. slow-moving traffic |
| 4. a thirty-page report | 14. a good-looking man |
| 5. high-spirited students | 15. long-lasting medicine |
| 6. well-behaved children | 16. an open-minded person |
| 7. a green-eyed monster | 17. a brightly-lit room |
| 8. a short-haired man | 18. a thought-provoking documentary |
| 9. a kind-hearted lady | 19. a world-famous museum |
| 10. a time-saving app | 20. fat-free cookies |

Exercise B

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| 1 h. part-time | 7 i. five-star |
| 2 j. well-known | 8 a. far-reaching |
| 3 k. middle-aged | 9 g. forward-thinking |
| 4 f. English-speaking | 10 b. ice-cold |
| 5 l. narrow-minded | 11 e. last-minute |
| 6 d. old-fashioned | 12 c. home-made |

Exercise C

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| 1. ice-cold | 7. home-made |
| 2. old-fashioned | 8. part-time |
| 3. far-reaching | 9. last-minute |
| 4. forward-thinking | 10. well-known |
| 5. middle-aged | 11. English-speaking |
| 6. narrow-minded | 12. five-star |