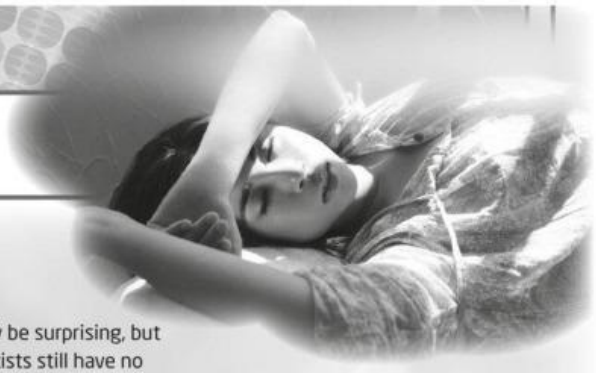
6E Word Skills

Compound adjectives

I can use compound adjectives.



1 Match the sentence halves.

1 It was such a far- ☐
2 We're taking a much- ☐
3 My uncle used to be a highly ☐
4 She's so single- ☐
5 Your actions could have far- ☐
6 The film is a light- ☐
7 Being absent- ☐
8 She made a half- ☐

a hearted look at the world of fashion.
b needed break in the country next weekend.
c reaching consequences for all of us.
d minded, I often forget things.
e fetched story that no one believed him.
f hearted effort, but wasn't really trying.
g trained athlete many years ago.
h minded that you won't change her decision.

2 Complete the sentences with the words below.

breath high mouth old second thought time

1 We had a _____taking view from the top of the mountain.
2 This phone is considered very _____-fashioned nowadays.
3 I'd never eaten such _____-watering dishes before I visited Thailand.
4 Last night's TV fashion documentary was informative and _____-provoking.
5 If you don't like _____-spirited dogs, I don't recommend this breed.
6 Despite all the _____-saving devices I own, I always seem to be busy!
7 Most people own _____-hand cars as new ones are so expensive.

3 Complete the sentences with a compound adjective formed from the word in brackets.

1 It may be an interesting article, but it's not very _____ (write).
2 If Zoe's as _____ (look) as her sister, she must be really beautiful!
3 Isn't that man sitting opposite a _____ (know) singer?
4 This job's only suitable for people from _____ (speak) countries such as the UK or Australia.
5 Japan is a very _____ (populated) country.
6 Travelling into space must be a _____ (blow) experience!
7 I'm always _____ (eye) until I've had some coffee.

It may be surprising, but scientists still have no [1]___ explanation for why we dream. There are plenty of [2]___ facts about dreams, but little agreement about their purpose. Many [3]___ scientists think that dreams allow a [4]___ opportunity for the brain to clear its 'hard disk' while we sleep. Others are more interested in the meaning of dreams, and although it may seem [5]___, some people are said to have predicted the future while dreaming. There is much that is [6]___ about dreams, so when you next wake up [7]___ from a good night's sleep, why not try writing down your dreams as soon as you wake up? Because apparently, 95% of what you dream is forgotten before you get out of bed!

4 Choose the correct options (a–c) to complete the text above.

1	**a** single-minded	**b** straightforward	**c** far-reaching
2	**a** well-known	**b** good-looking	**c** well-written
3	**a** mind-blowing	**b** highly respected	**c** badly paid
4	**a** time-saving	**b** second-hand	**c** much-needed
5	**a** far-fetched	**b** half-hearted	**c** high-spirited
6	**a** upcoming	**b** thought-provoking	**c** old-fashioned
7	**a** light-hearted	**b** bleary-eyed	**c** absent-minded

VOCAB BOOST!

Not all compound adjectives, especially those formed from adverb + past participle, appear in a dictionary because they are formed from other words. You should be able to work out the meaning of most of them from the words which form them. For example, a *highly paid* person is someone who is paid a lot of money.

5 Read the *Vocab boost!* box. Then complete the second part of each sentence with an explanation. Try not to repeat the words from the compound adjective.

1 A short-sighted person is someone _____.
2 A cold-blooded animal is an animal _____.
3 A last-minute decision is a decision _____.
4 A world-famous tourist attraction is one _____.
5 A well-behaved child is a child _____.
6 A deeply rooted tradition is a tradition _____.
7 An open-minded person is someone _____.

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