

## Postpositive Adjectives in English

**A. Vocabulary:** Following are some words that you will see in your exercises. Write the words next to their correct definitions. Be careful of the spelling and the capitalization.

ace	deuce	emeritus	immemorial	laureate	notary
Postmaster	Pound	proper	scorned	wild	

1.	The highest card of any suit in a deck of cards	
2.	In a game of cards this card is able to be given any value by the holder (e.g., Jokers)	
3.	Another word for the number 2 (also the number 2 card in a deck of cards)	
4.	A clerk licensed to prepare legal documents	
5.	Reaching beyond the limits of memory, tradition, or recorded history.	
6.	Worthy of the greatest honor or distinction	
7.	A person who is in charge of the operations of a post office	
8.	The primary unit of currency in the United Kingdom	
9.	One who is retired but retains an honorary title of the position held immediately before retirement	
10.	Being within the strictly limited sense	
11.	Rejected or refused with derision	

**B. Match the two halves of the lux cuisine. Write the letter of the correct answer in the box following the food nouns.**

1. Beef
2. Cherries
3. Chicken
4. Eggs
5. Oysters
6. Pears
7. Whiskey
8. Biscuits
9. Spaghetti
10. Crepe
11. Peach
12. Steak
13. Bananas


- A. Sour
- B. Benedict
- C. Bolognese
- D. Jubilee
- E. Melba
- F. Flambe
- G. Wellington
- H. Rockefeller
- I. Foster
- J. Tartare
- K. Suzette
- L. Florentine
- M. Alfredo

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C. Complete these postpositive adjective expressions with the words in the box.  
 Write your answers **EXACTLY** as they appear in the box.

akimbo    General    general    high    martial    politic  
 shut    wide open    wide open    wild

aces	
arms	
body	
court-	
eyes	

arms	
Attorney	
consulate	
deuces	
eyes	

D. Repeat!

alive    apparent    bent    come-lately    fantastic  
 public    sent    supreme    Templar    to-be

heaven	
hell	
Knight	
a love	
mother-	

heir	
Johnny-	
light	
man	
notary	

E. Repeat!!

accomplished    elect    emeritus    General    General  
 Laureate    Lost    positive    Sterling    unknown

Paradise	
Poet	
Pound	
professor	
Surgeon	

parts	
Postmaster	
president-	
proof	
mission	

F. Repeat!!!

deluxe    immemorial    impossible    past    proper    scorned

mission	
times	
woman	

time	
town	

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**G. Now that you have created some common expressions and titles with postpositive adjectives, use them in the following sentences. There are hints at the end of each sentence in the form of mixed-up letters. Good luck! Don't forget hyphens and capital letters where necessary!**

1. Roberto thinks that his fiancée is an angel; she must be \_\_\_\_\_ . (neaveh-tens)
2. She is tenacious, stubborn, and hard-headed when it comes to doing things her way; you could say that she's \_\_\_\_\_ (lehl tenb) on doing things her way.
3. Finally, after all of this time, Teresa is expecting a baby. She is a new \_\_\_\_\_ .  
(therom-ot-eb)
4. Not knowing where he was going or when he would get there, with only his backpack and a good pair of walking shoes, he headed off for \_\_\_\_\_ (starp nnounwk) – the adventure of a lifetime!
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ (noseruq enlarge – proper noun) has warned that cigarette smoking causes lung cancer.
6. Tom Cruise is the American actor who stars as a top spy in the series of movies called \_\_\_\_\_ . (nosimis mopisbiles – proper noun)
7. "Heaven has no rage like love to hatred turned, nor Hell a fury like a \_\_\_\_\_ " (nowam decorns) is the full quotation from William Congreve's *The Mourning Bride* (1697).
8. The flag of Normandy is a red background with two lions \_\_\_\_\_ . (nmaptar)
9. Tom, I'm currently 10 miles outside of Beaverton, unable to get inside the \_\_\_\_\_ .  
(wont perpro)
10. There she stood with \_\_\_\_\_ (rams diew pone) waiting for her favorite collie to run into her embrace.
11. The chief law officer and legal counsel of the government of a state or nation is called the \_\_\_\_\_ . (torneyat largeen – proper noun)
12. In \_\_\_\_\_ (imets stap), cowboys on horseback roamed these fields.
13. Originally known as *Children's and Household Tales*, the \_\_\_\_\_ (therobrs mirmg – proper noun) wrote a large collection of unusual children's stories.
14. For conduct unbecoming a military officer, Captain Rogers was facing a \_\_\_\_\_  
(truco-trialam)
15. In this had of five-card draw (a type of poker) dealer calls \_\_\_\_\_ (useedc liwd).
16. From Sabrina Carpenter's song: "Everybody loves to tell me, I was born an old soul, Better keep my \_\_\_\_\_ (seey diwe nope), There's so much that I don't know."
17. As the only son of the queen, Prince Hadji was the \_\_\_\_\_ (hire apentrap) to the throne.
18. If you are a newcomer to a place or activity, or if you are someone who started at this place or activity late in life, you can be referred to as a \_\_\_\_\_ (nynohj-moce-etally – 1<sup>st</sup> word is a proper noun)
19. The Poor Fellow-Soldiers of Christ and of the Temple of Solomon, also known as the Order of Solomon's Temple, the \_\_\_\_\_ (higtks parmetl – proper noun) was a Catholic military order founded in 1119, headquartered on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem.

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20. \_\_\_\_\_ : *A True Story of Violence and Forgiveness* (anm veila – proper noun) is the title of a book written by Thomas Page McBee.
21. \_\_\_\_\_ (adrapesi stol - proper noun) is an epic poem in blank verse written by the 17th-century English poet John Milton. The first version, published in 1667, consists of ten books with over ten thousand lines of verse.
22. A \_\_\_\_\_ (tope aterual) is a poet officially appointed by a government or conferring institution, typically expected to compose poems for special events and occasions.
23. *Q uid* is a slang word that the British use when referring to the \_\_\_\_\_ (nopud ringlets – proper noun)
24. If you wish to convict this criminal, you'll need strong evidence, \_\_\_\_\_ (ofpor sotipvie) that he is guilty.
25. As you know, we are here celebrating the fulfillment of a long, arduous task; \_\_\_\_\_ (sinosim polishedcamc) and well-done everyone!

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