

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_ (noserug 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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