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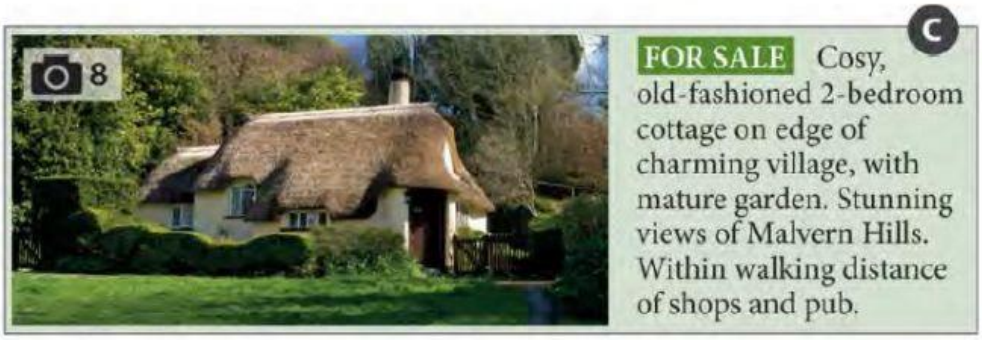
Vocabulary and speaking

All about adjectives

1 Read the advertisements. What are they for? Underline all the adjectives.



Adjectives and nouns that go together

We form **adjectives** and **noun collocations** by putting adjectives before nouns.

The most commonly used adjectives and nouns collocations are:

- *Big disappointment, big failure, big mistake, big surprise…;*

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- *Heavy bag, heavy box, heavy rain, heavy snow, heavy suitcase, heavy traffic…;*
- *Rich culture, rich history, rich people, rich vocabulary…;*
- *Strong accent, strong drink, strong smell, strong taste, strong wind…*

Example

- *The documentary was a **big disappointment**.*
- *He admitted he made a **big mistake**.*
- *We were walking in **heavy rain**.*

2 Some adjectives and nouns often go together.

wavy hair **stylish clothes** **delicious meals**

Now let`s try to match adjective and a noun. Sometimes more than one is possible.

Adjective			Noun		
cosy	fresh	latest	job	relative	room
cloudy	crowded	mature	fashions	city	food
thrilling	cosmopolitan	spicy	garden	views	sky
stunning	challenging	close	match	cottage	vegetables

Compound adjectives

Good-looking and *hard-working* are compound adjectives. Find four more in the adverts in **1**. With your partner, match words from **A** and **B** to make more compounds.

A		B			
well- (x2)	full-	aged	behaved	tempered	new
brand-	bad-	made	sick	time	
middle-	home- (x2)				

-ed and *-ing* adjectives

A lot of adjectives are made from verbs by adding *-ing* or *–ed*.

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If you say something is *interesting*, you mean it *interests* you:

*I read a very **interesting** article in the newspaper today.*

The commonest *-ing* adjectives are:

amusing *annoying* *boring* *disappointing* *exciting* *interesting*	*frightening* *tiring* *shocking* *surprising* *worrying*

If something *bores* you, you can say you feel *bored*.

*We had nothing to do. We were really **bored**.*

The commonest *-ed* adjectives are:

annoyed *bored* *closed* *delighted* *disappointed*	*excited* *frightened* *tired* *worried*

Complete the sentences using one of these adjectives in the correct form

bor- *astonish-* *relax-* *excit-*	*disappoint-* *exhaust-* *shock-* *thrill-*	***-ed*** ***-ing***

1 I find having a massage is really _____.
2 Our holiday was _____. It rained a lot.
3 The journey was so tiring. I was _____ when we finally arrived.
4 The interview went really badly so I was _____ to hear that I'd got the job.
5 The lesson was so _____ that some students fell asleep.
6 I was really _____ at the price of a ticket for the match. It was so expensive.
7 The game was absolutely _____ from start to finish – my team scored the winning goal in the final seconds.

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Favorite things

1.6 Listen to Tom talking to Sally about his favourite things. What do you learn about them?

A personality quiz

Look quickly at the word puzzle. Find just four adjectives. Do they really describe you ? Could you describe yourself ?

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The first four words you see describe you!

OPKSHYG
NHSYRDFFRIENDLYNDIU
BNSHHARDWORKINGHJRFLLAZYZ
GOODLOOKINGLKMECCENTRICJMFUNNY
POSUYDAMBITIOUSSHRTRESERVEDYFWDR
VBWEASLKKPESSIMISTICGHPNDYHONESTM
VHURWUNTIDYMMRYCHEERFULUXCHARMING
KJVFTIAUDEMEANCEFPIMSQUNPATIENTFULT
XCEASYGOINGVBNGDTOTUIGENEROUSZUGJ
HAPPYLOLKJUNBPASSIONATEMNCHYDL
BBWASCREATIVEFPOKTHOUGHTFUL
DEWRERELIABLEVQWNAIVEGKL
DYTHVSOLSENSITIVE
BREFT

Let`s do the quiz and find out what kind of person you really are.

Write **Y** for *Yes*, **N** for *No*, and **S** for *Sometimes*.

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What kind of person are you? QUIZ

1 Are you usually smiling and happy?
2 Do you enjoy the company of other people?
3 Do you find it difficult to meet new people?
4 Do you have definite plans for your future career?
5 Does your mood change often and suddenly for no reason?
6 Do you notice other people's feelings?
7 Do you think the future will be good?
8 Can your friends depend on you?
9 Is your room often messy?
10 Do you get annoyed when you have to wait for anyone or anything?
11 Do you find reasons to do tomorrow things you should do today?
12 Do you always work hard?
13 Do you keep your feelings and ideas to yourself?
14 Do you often give presents?
15 Do you talk a lot?
16 Are you usually calm and not worried by things?

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Match the adjectives below with the sentence in the quiz. Which of them describe you?

8 reliable	____ untidy
____ lazy	____ optimistic
____ moody	____ shy
____ generous	____ reserved
____ cheerful	____ impatient
____ easy-going	____ sociable
____ talkative	____ ambitious
____ hard-working	____ sensitive

Do you know the opposites to these adjectives?

1.7 Listen to five people. After each, say which adjectives or opposites from **10** describe the people.

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