

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

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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 _____.