

Compound adjective exercises

1. From each group, choose the sentence that contains a compound adjective:

- A. Sheila was horribly moody.
- B. We'd like you to be part of the decision-making process.
- C. The company showed steady improvement in their stock trades.

- A. This is a widely used procedure for finishing wood floors.
- B. Moths ate his woolen socks.
- C. That was really generous of you.

- A. Sharon's adopted son is five years old today.
- B. My new car has leather upholstery.
- C. She was a well-known actress by the time she reached age five.

2. Using hyphens in compound adjectives: Which sentences are correct?

- A. The group was full of rowdy 10 year old schoolboys.
- B. The group was full of rowdy 10-year-old schoolboys.

- A. The actress is well known.
- B. The actress is well-known.

- A. They enjoyed a three-year profit streak.
- B. They enjoyed a three-year-profit streak.

3. Using -ly adverbs in compound adjectives: Which sentences are correct?

- A. Along the river, rapidly increasing floodwaters caused evacuations.
- B. Along the river, rapidly-increasing floodwaters caused evacuations.

- A. My neighbour Jim is an internationally recognized author.
- B. My neighbour Jim is an internationally-recognized author.

- A. The bank robbers tried to hatch their ill conceived plan and failed.
- B. The bank robbers tried to hatch their ill-conceived plan and failed.

4. Choose the correct compound adjective for each sentence.

A. He is fond of _____ Scotch.

- good
- 12-year-old
- 10 year old

B. The weather has been _____ lately.

- terribly-cold
- terribly cold
- too cold

C. Babysitting these kids is like trying to manage a _____.

- three ring circus
- three-ring-circus
- three-ring circus

5. Fill in the blanks with the best compound adjective for the situation:

A. Melanie has everything she needs. She is _____.

- two-faced
- very badly behaved
- well-cared for

B. Louis overcomes difficulties easily. He is _____.

- short-tempered
- level-headed
- internationally renowned

C. Mr. Chan likes to hear about new ideas. He is _____.

- strong-minded
- two faced
- open-minded