

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 – 1st 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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