

Unit 6.7: Compound Nouns & Adjectives

1 Understanding Definitions & Context

Choose the most appropriate word or phrase to complete each sentence based on the context of media and descriptive language.

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| 1. After the main news report, the presenter announced they would return after a short _____. | a) commercial break b) morning show c) backup d) breaking news |
| 2. The explorer's face was _____, showing the marks of years spent in harsh outdoor conditions. | a) snow-white b) weather-beaten c) lemon-yellow d) high-quality |
| 3. The instructions for the new software were quite _____, making it easy for even beginners to use. | a) far-fetched b) short-lived c) ill-advised d) user-friendly |
| 4. When the famous actor was asked a personal question during the live interview, he became completely _____. | a) nonstop b) tongue-tied c) broad-shouldered d) breaking news |
| 5. The reporter provided a _____ account of the event, describing every single detail as it happened. | a) blow-by-blow b) charcoal-grey c) flat-footed d) waist-high |
| 6. The local _____ sent a camera crew to the scene as soon as the emergency was reported. | a) car company b) news station c) copy editor d) fact-checker |
| 7. The new broadcasting studio is equipped with _____ cameras that produce incredibly clear images. | a) worn-out b) short-lived c) state-of-the-art d) weatherproof |
| 8. The news reported on a _____ teenager who spent her weekends volunteering at the animal shelter. | a) thin-lipped b) kind-hearted c) flat-footed d) blood-red |
| 9. Because the documentary was filmed in the rainforest, the crew had to use _____ equipment. | a) weatherproof b) mouth-watering c) rosy-cheeked d) lime-green |
| 10. The prime minister was caught _____ by the unexpected question about the secret report. | a) snow-white b) long-legged c) flat-footed d) heartwarming |

2. Media Professionals & Terms

Write the correct media-related term to its definition.

| Definition | Word |
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| 1. A person whose job is to check that the facts in a piece of writing are correct. | |
| 2. Software that allows a device to understand spoken words. | |
| 3. A television programme broadcast in the early part of the day, usually including news and interviews. | |
| 4. News that is happening right now or has just been reported. | |
| 5. Someone who corrects spelling and grammar errors in texts before they are published. | |
| 6. A background used in film and TV which allows a different image to be superimposed behind the actor. | |
| 7. The main presenter of a news broadcast. | |
| 8. A pause in a radio or TV programme for advertisements. | |
| 9. Political, social, and economic events happening in other countries. | |

3. Work-Life & Physical Traits

Write the correct terms to the definitions.

| Definition | Word |
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| 1. A car provided by an employer for an employee's work and private use. | |
| 2. A brief summary or general review of a subject. | |
| 3. Feeling completely buried or defeated by an excessive amount of work or emotion. | |
| 4. An amount of something that will last as long as a person lives. | |
| 5. Without any pauses or interruptions; continuous. | |
| 6. The history or circumstances of a person's life or an event. | |
| 7. Cosmetics applied to the face to improve or change its appearance. | |
| 8. Support or help that is available if the main plan or person fails. | |

4. Adjectives in Context

Choose the best adjective from the box to complete each sentence. Some words may fit more than one context, but there is one optimal solution for each. There are some extra words

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| 1. The story about aliens landing in London seemed completely _____ to me; I don't believe a word of it. |
| 2. Buying a cheap car without checking the engine was an _____ decision that cost him a lot of money. |
| 3. The new studio is equipped with _____ cameras and lighting technology. |
| 4. The smell of fresh bread from the bakery was absolutely _____. |
| 5. It is almost _____ for a politician to be this honest in an interview. |
| 6. His fame was _____; after one hit song, nobody heard from him again. |
| 7. After working three shifts in a row, the nurse looked completely _____. |
| 8. We watched a _____ documentary about a dog finding its way home. |

5. Descriptive Writing: The Interview Scene



Read the text below describing a busy newsroom scene. Fill in the gaps using the **Colour** and **Physical Appearance** compound words from the list.

The studio was chaotic. The producer, a tall, 1) _____ woman, was striding across the floor shouting instructions. In the corner sat the guest, a 2) _____ fisherman who had clearly spent years at sea, his face tanned and tough. He looked nervous and completely 3) _____, unable to get his words out.

Opposite him sat the news anchor, wearing a sharp 4) _____ suit and a tie that was a bright, shocking 5) _____. He was a handsome man, 6) _____ and athletic, with a confident smile. However, the makeup artist was worried because the hot lights were making him look too 7) _____ and flushed. In the background, a 8) _____ assistant in a 9) _____ dress was desperately trying to fix the microphone.