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.

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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

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