

12.3 Vocabulary development

Vocabulary development compound adjectives

- 1 Put the compound adjectives in the box into the correct category, 1-5.

~~brand-new~~ clean-shaven eco-friendly fixed-wheel
floral-patterned ~~full-time~~ good-looking high-heeled
home-made little-known low-tech old-fashioned
run-down second-hand thick-rimmed tight-fitting
turned-up ~~worn-out~~

- 1 ending in a past participle: high-heeled, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____
- 2 ending in a present participle: good-looking, _____
- 3 ending in a noun: full-time, _____, _____, _____
- 4 ending in an adjective: brand-new, _____
- 5 ending in a preposition: worn-out, _____, _____
- 2 Complete the sentences with one of the compound adjectives from the box in exercise 1.
- The bread is shop-bought, but you wouldn't know, it tastes just like home-made.
 - I don't like wearing very _____ clothes. Baggy ones are much more comfortable.
 - My husband has grown a beard, but I think he looked better when he was _____.
 - You should buy _____ cleaning products instead of all those containing dangerous chemicals.
 - The problem with buying a _____ car is that it might not be very reliable.
 - Facebook is considered a bit _____ by some people - they're all on Instagram instead.
 - The centre of the city is very smart, but the suburbs are a bit _____.
 - It's a _____ fact that Plato disapproved of people writing things down.

Vocabulary extension

- 3 Choose one ending from the box to complete the compound adjectives in each group. There are more endings than you need.

brained headed hearted minded sighted worthy

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| 1 far- <u>sighted</u> | 4 level-_____ |
| short- <u>sighted</u> | light-_____ |
| 2 absent-_____ | 5 half-_____ |
| narrow-_____ | kind-_____ |
| open-_____ | hard-_____ |
| 3 praise_____ | light-_____ |
| news_____ | whole-_____ |
| trust_____ | |
- 4 Match meanings 1-8 to some of the completed compound adjectives in exercise 3.
- slightly faint, not completely in control of your thoughts or movements light-headed
 - complete and enthusiastic _____
 - that you can rely on to be good or honest _____
 - giving no importance to the feelings of other people _____
 - not willing to listen to new ideas or to the opinions of others _____
 - calm and sensible, can make good decisions even in difficult situations _____
 - deserving approval _____
 - tending to forget things _____

