### **1. Introduction**

#### **Compound Adjectives** combine two words to create a single descriptive term, usually with a hyphen (e.g., short-term, well-dressed).

#### **Modifying Gradable Adjectives** describe qualities that can change in degree or intensity. Modifiers such as very, quite, slightly, and somewhat adjust the adjective's intensity.

### **2. Examples**

#### **Compound Adjectives:**

#### A short-term solution

#### A well-dressed gentleman

#### A state-of-the-art gadget

#### **Modifying Gradable Adjectives:**

#### She is somewhat disappointed with the outcome.

#### The weather was slightly warm today.

#### His response was very detailed.

### **3. Exercise 1: Match the Compound Adjectives**

#### Match each sentence with the correct compound adjective from the box.

#### **Box: state-of-the-art, hands-on, hard-working, brightly-lit, well-mannered**

#### He is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ employee who always meets deadlines.

#### The classroom is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to ensure students can see clearly.

#### This \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ machine can perform multiple tasks efficiently.

#### She is very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and always says "please" and "thank you."

#### The workshop offered a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ approach to learning new skills.

### **4. Exercise 2: Correct the Sentences**

#### Rewrite each sentence by correcting the incorrect or missing compound adjective.

#### He gave me a piece of mind advice about my job search.

#### We visited a ten story building downtown.

#### She is an old fashion designer with a unique style.

#### My car is a second hand model but still works well.

#### The teacher gave a step by step explanation of the process.

### **5. Exercise 3: Fill in the Blanks with Modifying Gradable Adjectives**

#### Complete the sentences with appropriate modifiers from the box: **very, quite, extremely, slightly, somewhat**

#### The food was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ spicy, but I enjoyed it.

#### She felt \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ disappointed with the final results.

#### It was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hot outside, so we decided to stay in.

#### His explanation was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ confusing at first.

#### The team was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ motivated to win the game.

### **6. Exercise 4: Rewrite with Modifiers**

#### Rewrite each sentence by adding a suitable modifier to the adjective. Use the modifiers from the box: **very, a bit, not very, quite, extremely**

#### The lecture was informative.

#### He is friendly.

#### The coffee is strong.

#### The book is long.

#### The task was simple.

### **7. Exercise 5: Sentence Creation**

#### Create your own sentences using:

#### A compound adjective: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

#### A gradable adjective with a modifier: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

### **Answer Key:**

#### **Exercise 1:**

#### hard-working

#### brightly-lit

#### state-of-the-art

#### well-mannered

#### hands-on

#### **Exercise 2:**

#### He gave me a piece-of-mind advice about my job search.

#### We visited a ten-story building downtown.

#### She is an old-fashioned designer with a unique style.

#### My car is a second-hand model but still works well.

#### The teacher gave a step-by-step explanation of the process.

#### **Exercise 3:**

#### slightly

#### somewhat

#### extremely

#### quite

#### very

#### **Exercise 4:**

#### The lecture was very informative.

#### He is quite friendly.

#### The coffee is extremely strong.

#### The book is a bit long.

#### The task was not very simple.

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