# ADJECTIVES AS A WORD CLASS

## B1 — Intermediate

*English Grammar Worksheets | Types of Adjectives • Attributive & Predicative Use • Order of Adjectives*

*4 Worksheets: Types of Adjectives • Attributive & Predicative Use • Order (OSASCOMP) • Reading & Writing | Answer Key Included*

## Worksheet 1: Types of Adjectives

*Name: _____ Date: _____ Level: B1 (CEFR)*

### Reference

| Type | Notes | Examples |
|---|---|---|
| Fact adjectives | objective, can be checked | wooden, Brazilian, square, digital |
| Opinion adjectives | subjective, show attitude | lovely, dreadful, impressive |
| -ed adjectives | describe how someone feels | bored, excited, confused, exhausted |
| -ing adjectives | describe what causes the feeling | boring, exciting, confusing, exhausting |
| Compound adjectives | two words joined with a hyphen | well-known, part-time, five-star, home-made |

***Exercise A – Choose the correct -ed or -ing form.***

**1.** The journey was so tired / tiring that we slept for ten hours.

**2.** I was really surprised / surprising by the ending.

**3.** His explanation was very confused / confusing.

**4.** She felt embarrassed / embarrassing when she forgot the name.

**5.** It was a fascinated / fascinating documentary about volcanoes.

**6.** We were disappointed / disappointing with the hotel.

**7.** The news was shocked / shocking.

**8.** I get bored / boring on long flights.

***Exercise B – Write F (fact) or O (opinion) next to each adjective.***

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| wooden ____ | gorgeous ____ | rectangular ____ | dreadful ____ | electric ____ |
| brilliant ____ | Mexican ____ | weekly ____ | charming ____ | awful ____ |

***Exercise C – Complete the compound adjective.***

**1.** a job for 20 hours a week → a part-_____ job

**2.** a singer everyone knows → a well-_____ singer

**3.** bread made at home → _____-made bread

**4.** a man with blue eyes → a blue-_____ man

**5.** a meeting that lasts two hours → a two-_____ meeting

*Score: _____ / 23*

# Worksheet 2: Attributive and Predicative Use

*Name: _____ Date: _____ Level: B1 (CEFR)*

## Reference

| Position | Notes | Examples |
|---|---|---|
| Attributive (before a noun) | most adjectives can go here | a serious problem, heavy rain |
| Predicative (after a link verb) | after be, seem, look, feel, become, taste, sound, get | The problem is serious. You seem upset. |
| Attributive only | main, chief, only, former, elder | the main reason (NOT "the reason is main") |
| Predicative only | afraid, asleep, alone, alive, awake, glad, ill | The baby is asleep (NOT "the asleep baby") |

***Exercise A – Correct (✓) or incorrect (✗)? Mark each sentence.***

**1.** The asleep children looked peaceful. ( )

**2.** That was the main reason for the delay. ( )

**3.** The afraid dog hid under the table. ( )

**4.** My elder brother lives in Vienna. ( )

**5.** She was glad to see us. ( )

**6.** The alive fish were put back in the river. ( )

***Exercise B – Rewrite the incorrect sentences from Exercise A using an acceptable alternative (e.g. asleep → sleeping; afraid → frightened; alive → living / live).***

**1.**

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**2.**

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**3.**

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***Exercise C – Complete with a link verb from the box in the correct form + a suitable adjective.***

| seem taste look become sound |
|---|

**1.** Have you tried the soup? It _____ _____ .

**2.** You should rest — you _____ really _____ .

**3.** Traffic in the city centre has _____ _____ .

**4.** I heard their new song. It _____ _____ .

**5.** He didn't say much; he _____ a bit _____ .

*Score: _____ / 14*

# Worksheet 3: Order of Adjectives (OSASCOMP)

*Name: _____ Date: _____ Level: B1 (CEFR)*

## Reference

| Opinion | Size | Age | Shape | Colour | Origin | Material | Purpose | + NOUN |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| lovely | little | old | round | brown | Turkish | wooden | coffee | table |

*In real English we rarely use more than three adjectives before one noun.*

***Exercise A – Put the three adjectives in the correct order.***

**1.** a (leather / black / stylish) jacket

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**2.** a (glass / round / small) table

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**3.** some (Italian / delicious / fresh) bread

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**4.** a (running / new / comfortable) pair of shoes

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**5.** an (ancient / stone / impressive) bridge

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**6.** a (plastic / cheap / red) chair

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***Exercise B – Find and correct the order mistake.***

**1.** She wore a silk beautiful scarf.

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**2.** They bought a wooden big table.

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**3.** He drives a German fast car.

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**4.** We visited an old lovely town.

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**5.** I need a cotton white shirt.

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***Exercise C – Expand the noun phrase using the prompts. Example: bag (describe material + colour) → a brown leather bag.***

**1.** house (opinion + age)

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**2.** car (size + colour)

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**3.** knife (purpose + material)

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**4.** city (opinion + origin)

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*Score: _____ / 15*

# Worksheet 4: Reading and Writing

*Name: _____ Date: _____ Level: B1 (CEFR)*

***Part A – Read the passage and answer the questions.***

*The Saturday market is my favourite place in town. Local farmers sell fresh vegetables and delicious home-made cheese from long wooden stalls. Last week I bought a beautiful little ceramic bowl from an elderly Greek man. The market, a ten-minute walk from my flat, gets crowded by ten o'clock, and by midday everyone looks exhausted but happy. The main problem is parking, which seems impossible on busy days.*

**1.** Find two compound adjectives.

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**2.** Find a three-adjective chain and label each adjective (opinion / size / material ...).

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**3.** Find two adjectives used predicatively (after a link verb) and name the verbs.

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**4.** Find one attributive-only adjective.

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***Part B – Rewrite each sentence according to the instruction.***

**1.** "The film bored me." → Use an -ing adjective.

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**2.** "He owns a car. It is old. It is French." → One sentence, adjectives in the correct order.

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**3.** "The baby is asleep." → Use the adjective before the noun (change the word).

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**4.** "The hotel was nice and the staff were nice." → Replace "nice" with two stronger opinion adjectives.

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***Part C – Write a paragraph (80–100 words) describing a place you know well. Include: at least six adjectives, one chain of three adjectives in the correct order, one predicative-only adjective used correctly, and one compound adjective.***

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*Word count: _____*

*Score: _____ / 20*

# Answer Key & Teacher Notes

*For teacher use only*

## Worksheet 1

| # | Item | Answer / Guidance |
|---|---|---|
| A | -ed / -ing | **tiring, surprised, confusing, embarrassed, fascinating, disappointed, shocking, bored** |
| B | Fact / opinion | **F: wooden, rectangular, electric, Mexican, weekly. O: gorgeous, dreadful, brilliant, charming, awful.** |
| C | Compounds | **part-time, well-known, home-made, blue-eyed, two-hour** |

## Worksheet 2

| # | Item | Answer / Guidance |
|---|---|---|
| A | ✓/✗ | **1 ✗, 2 ✓, 3 ✗, 4 ✓, 5 ✓, 6 ✗** |
| B | Rewrites | **The sleeping children looked peaceful. The frightened dog hid under the table. The living / live fish were put back in the river.** |
| C | Link verbs | **Sample: tastes delicious; look tired; become worse (accept "become heavier/terrible"); sounds great; seemed upset. Accept any accurate verb form + sensible adjective.** |

## Worksheet 3

| # | Item | Answer / Guidance |
|---|---|---|
| A | Order | **a stylish black leather jacket; a small round glass table; some delicious fresh Italian bread; a comfortable new pair of running shoes (accept: new comfortable is wrong — opinion first); an impressive ancient stone bridge; a cheap red plastic chair** |
| B | Corrections | **a beautiful silk scarf; a big wooden table; a fast German car; a lovely old town; a white cotton shirt** |
| C | Expansion | **Sample: a charming old house; a small silver car; a steel kitchen knife; a fascinating Italian city.** |

## Worksheet 4

| # | Item | Answer / Guidance |
|---|---|---|
| A | Passage | **1 home-made, ten-minute. 2 beautiful (opinion) little (size) ceramic (material) bowl. 3 gets crowded, looks exhausted / happy, seems impossible (any two + verb). 4 main.** |
| B | Transformations | **1 The film was boring. 2 He owns an old French car. 3 The sleeping baby. 4 e.g. The hotel was charming and the staff were delightful.** |
| C | Paragraph | **Check the four requirements; mark order and position accuracy.** |