

COMPOUND ADJECTIVES

POSSIBLE COLLOCATIONS

Adjective+ past participle	A boy who has blue eyes is ... a blue-eyed boy
Adjective + verb -ing	A person who works hard is... a hard-working person
Adjective + noun	Arrangements made at the last minute are ... last -minute arrangements
Number + past participle	A table with three legs is ... a three-legged table
Number + noun	A walk that takes two hours is ... a two-hour walk
Noun+past participle/adjective	Apricots dried by the sun are ... sun-dried apricots

1. a man who has short sight _____
2. a flat with three bedrooms. _____
3. a shirt with short sleeves. _____
4. a rumour that last for a long time _____
5. people with bad manners. _____
6. a reception in which they shake hands. _____
7. a plane with four engines. _____
8. a message which has been written by hand. _____
9. a girl with red hair. _____
10. a man who has only one leg. _____
11. a story that never ends. _____
12. shoes with high heels. _____
13. Animals that have cold blood _____
14. a person with an open mind _____
15. petrol without lead _____
16. a boy who is 19 years old _____
17. photographs taken in deep sea _____
18. customers who receive good advice _____
19. a person with a kind heart _____
20. plans which have been made in the last minute _____

absent-minded
bad-tempered
brightly-coloured
brightly-lit
cold-blooded(2)
far-reaching
full-length

home-made
hundred-pound
kind-hearted
labour-saving
old-fashioned
open-minded
sun-dried

tongue-tied
twenty-page
two-mile
two-wheeled
warm-blooded
world-famous

Fill the gaps with the words above:

1. Most animals are _____ but all reptiles are _____
2. He was _____ murderer and showed no emotion of any kind.
3. She lived in an _____ house which was built in 1935 and had a horrible design.
4. He did everything for people in need. He was a very _____ man.
5. He accepts other peoples proposals. He is a very _____ person.
6. The _____ streets in our town discourage burglars.
7. My _____ grandmothers always forgets our names.
8. She likes wearing _____ dresses. She's not very keen on pale colours.
9. Although she trained a lot, she knew that was a _____ record.
10. We were waiting _____ for my mother to put the food on the table.
11. He looked through the _____ contract before signing it.
12. I was _____ and didn't know what to say.
13. The _____ tomatoes that we sell are _____ vegetables. We have orders from all over the world.
14. When I get up in the morning. I'm always _____. Nobody can talk to me until I've had my first cup of coffee.
15. Their _____ cakes have no additives. That's what makes them absolutely delicious.
16. It's stupid to wear a new _____ tie with such an old cheap suit.
17. Bikes are _____ vehicles.
18. We have a lot of _____ devices at home, which make our lives easier.
19. The _____ portrait of the grandfather hung on the hall walls. It was impressive.
20. We'll arrive on time. It's only a _____ drive.



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- 1) A short-sighted man
- 2) A three-bedroom flat
- 3) A short-sleeved shirt
- 4) A long-lasting rumour
- 5) Bad-mannered people
- 6) A hand-shaking reception
- 7) A four-engine plane
- 8) A hand-written message
- 9) A red-haired girl
- 10) A one-legged man
- 11) A never-ending story
- 12) High-heeled shoes
- 13) Cold-blooded animals
- 14) An open-minded person
- 15) Lead-free petrol
- 16) A 19-year-old boy
- 17) Deep-sea photographs
- 18) Well-advised customers
- 19) A kind-hearted person
- 20) Last-minute plans

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- 2) Cold-blooded
- 3) Old-fashioned
- 4) Kind-hearted
- 5) Open-minded
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- 8) Brightly-coloured
- 9) Far-reaching
- 10) Mouth-watering
- 11) Twenty-page
- 12) Tongue-tied
- 13) Sun-dried world-famous
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