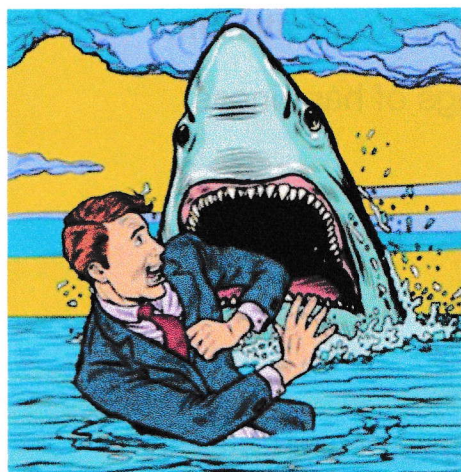


Compound Adjectives



A man eating shark.

or

A man-eating shark.



A compound adjective is an adjective that contains two or more words. Generally, we put a hyphen between the words when we want them to act as a single adjective before a noun.

Compound Adjectives	Examples:
Number + Noun	A break that takes ten minutes is a ten-minute break.
Adjective + Noun	A bike ride over a long distance is a long-distance bike ride.
Adjective + Present Participle	A person who works hard is a hard-working person.
Noun + Present Participle	An athlete who breaks records is a record-breaking athlete.
Noun + Adjective	A room that is free from smoke is a smoke-free room.
Noun + Past Participle	An engine cooled by water is a water-cooled engine.
Adjective + Past Participle	A man with a bad temper is a bad-tempered man.
Adverb + Past Participle	A city that has a dense population is a densely-populated city.

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cold-blooded
one-off
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level-headed
laid-back
state-of-the-art

- Most of the politicians I know are corrupt and
- He was extremely and always dealt with problems calmly.
- She was a old woman, always bad tempered and unfriendly.
- This is a chance to buy this apartment at a discounted price.
- His ideas and plans are and never properly thought through.
- My old computer stopped working, so I bought a new one.
- John always makes things difficult for us, he's so for no reason.
- The decision to hold the Olympics could have consequences.
- The police are still searching for the murderer
- Criticism doesn't seem to worry him, he's very
- She's a very person, she likes to relax and take things easy.
- The movie about a boy and his dog, was beautiful.

Meanings

thick-skinned: Someone who does not appear to be easily hurt by criticism.

heart-warming: Something that is positive and gives feelings of happiness.

sour-faced: bad tempered or unfriendly.

cold-blooded: Behaving in a very cruel way with no feelings for others.

one-off: something that happens, or is made or done only once.

self-serving: working or acting for your own advantage.

bloody-minded: Someone who makes things difficult for others for no reason.

far-reaching: something that has a great influence on many people and things.

half-baked: poorly thought through plan or idea.

level-headed: calm and able to deal easily with difficult situations.

laid-back: relaxed in manner and character.

state-of-the-art: very modern, using the latest ideas and methods.

clapped-out: used to describe cars or machines that are old and no longer work well.

long-winded: when something that someone is saying is boring and too long.

mouth-watering: for food that looks and smells so good it makes you want to eat it

tight-fisted: someone who is unwilling to spend money.

like-minded: someone who shares the same opinions, ideas and interests as you.

Compound adjectives used in property advertising.

- brightly lit
- conveniently situated
- tastefully furnished
- recently decorated
- newly built
- three-storey apartment
- all-inclusive insurance
- interest-free loan
- 99-year leasehold

Pepsi Advertisement from 1980's

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highwalkin
fastliv
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coolfizzin

