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Language Work

Compound adjectives

Compound adjectives are two or more words used together to describe something. They can appear as separate words, joined with a hyphen or as one word. Dictionaries often disagree!

Which compound adjective does Levi Tafari use here?

This poem is ozone friendly

What do you think he means?

Now answer these questions:

1. Is *poem* a noun or an adjective?
2. Is *ozone friendly* a noun or an adjective?
3. Is *ozone* a noun or an adjective?
4. Is *friendly* a noun or an adjective?

An *ozone friendly poem* is a poem that is friendly to ozone and doesn't harm it.

User-friendly is another compound adjective. What can we describe as user-friendly? What makes it user-friendly?

What can we describe as *child-friendly* ? and *animal-friendly*?

Choose Task 1 or task 2:

Task 1

Design a cat-friendly bedroom. Draw a picture and label all the cat-friendly features.

or

Task 2

Design a bicycle-friendly city. Draw a picture and label all the bicycle-friendly features.

Draw your picture here:



My Dream Job

Would you like a job as a poet? People work for different reasons. Think about what you want from a job. Read the list below and think of one more reason to work. Do you want to make new friends? Work independently? Something else? Give each characteristic a number (1 is the most important; 10 is the least important). Then compare your answers with your partner. Do you want the same things?

In my dream job ...	You	Your partner
I can earn lots of money		
I can use English or other foreign languages		
I can travel to other countries		
I can start at 9.00 and finish at 5.00 every day		
I can get paid for doing something I love		
I can help people		
I can make the world a better place		
I can learn new skills and get a better job		
I can do something I'm good at		

Work with a partner. Add another job to this list. Discuss why people might choose to do these jobs, and then complete this questionnaire:

Job	Advantages	Disadvantages
Poet		
Lawyer		
Teacher		
Accountant		
IT executive		

Role Play

Student A

You are a poet. Answer the journalist's questions.

Student B

You are a journalist. Ask the poet these questions.

1. Why did you decide to be a poet?
2. Where do you work?
3. When do you have your lunch break?
4. How many days' holiday do you have a year?
5. How much do you earn?

Now swap roles:

Student A

You are a journalist. Ask the poet these questions:

1. What time do you get up in the morning?
2. Who do you meet in your work?
3. What do you like most about your job?
4. If you weren't a poet, what would you be?
5. How many hours do you work a day?

Student B

You are a poet. Answer the journalist's questions.

What's your dream job? Why? Discuss with your partner.

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English-English Glossary

Levi Tafari

This section provides a brief glossary of key vocabulary and cultural references from these poems. The meanings are specific to the context, and may mean something else in another context.

The First Woman In My Life

chastise	To tell someone off, reprimand
scores	Lots. A score is literally another word for twenty. Life expectancy has traditionally been expressed as three score years and ten, ie seventy (three times twenty plus ten).
point the finger	To accuse somebody
mule	Animal that is the offspring of a horse and a donkey, traditionally portrayed as stubborn
ghetto	Housing occupied by an unintegrated part of the community in a deprived area
ROLO	A packet of chocolate covered toffees that taste so good that according to tradition you save the last one for the person you love the most.

Ozone Friendly Poem

CFCs	Chlorofluorocarbons – chemicals which destroy the ozone layer which protects the Earth from the sun's harmful rays
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Street of Hope

Albert Docks	Regenerated part of the city housing the LiverpoolTate Gallery (modern art)
swing	Something lively and enjoyable: there are a lot of famous comedians who are part of Liverpool's folklore
distort	Change the shape of something, misrepresent
Ferry across the Mersey	Traditional and romantic way of crossing the River Mersey between Liverpool and Birkenhead, immortalised in the 1960s hit record of the same name by Liverpool band Gerry and the Pacemakers
LFC	Liverpool Football Club
Liver Clocks	The clocks on the famous Liver Building, a Liverpool landmark
Merseybeat	60s art movement in Liverpool
Newspapers from the gutter	The gutter press are tabloid newspapers that dwell on sensational, prejudiced news stories with a human interest. Liverpool boycotted a tabloid following its distorted coverage of the Hillsborough disaster in Sheffield where many Liverpool football fans were tragically crushed to death when the ground became overcrowded. Football grounds have subsequently become all-seated.
screw sth down	Fasten tightly so that it cannot be stolen
shroud	Thing that covers something (usually a cloth for dead bodies to be buried in)
Street of Hope	Hope Street is the street that links the Roman Catholic Cathedral and the Anglican Cathedral in Liverpool
uncouth	Unrefined
vibe	Atmosphere
vibrant	Full of life