

UPPER INTERMEDIATE UNIT 8

8.1 Collocations: decisions

1 Underline the correct alternatives.

- I'm sorry you feel our staff have been impolite. Let me to *arrive at/look into* the situation for you.
- You're doing the right thing. *Explore/Stick* to your principles.
- If we can't *explore/reach* a decision about where to live together, I don't think we should move.
- We really need to decide tomorrow. We can't *assess/postpone* it any longer.
- Stick to what you know is right. Never *look into/betray* your principles.
- We need to *evaluate/arrive at* the situation before making a decision.
- We don't have to decide now. We could always *follow/put off* the decision until later.
- If you *follow/put off* your principles, you won't go wrong.

Compound adjectives

2 Find and correct five mistakes with vocabulary. Tick the correct sentences.

- Simon's had a life-changed operation.
- There's a long-running soap opera on TV that's over sixty years old!
- Max is very well-qualifying for the position.
- Putting all those flyers into the envelopes was so time-consumed.
- I love handmade gifts. They're so much more personal than bought ones.
- I hear the burglar escaped by climbing a six-metre-high fence.
- The criminal was given a twelve-years-long sentence.
- Would you like the vase bubbled-wrapped to keep it safe?

Compound adjectives for describing people

3 Match a beginning in A with a word in B and an ending in C to make sentences.

A	B	C
1 Those bright green high-	eyed	man at the desk over there.
2 I think brown-	fitting	when I go on holiday.
3 Please take this form to the curly-	haired	shoes are hideous!
4 Rob bought a brand-	haired	coat in the sale yesterday. It's quite nice.
5 These jeans are too tight-	heeled	although he dyes it blond.
6 Tomasz is so broad-	new	that he can't find shirts to fit him.
7 I never get very sun-	shouldered	dogs are so cute. It's the way they look at you.
8 Kaz is actually dark-	tanned	for me. I can hardly breathe.

1 *Those bright-green high-heeled shoes are hideous!*

8.2 Values

4 Complete the conversation with the words in the box.

aggression control equality generosity greed justice power

- A:** Did you see that bad-tempered political debate last night? The host wasn't in ¹ _____ of the situation at all.
- B:** Yes, there was some real ² _____ showed by both sides.
- A:** One candidate thought there was no ³ _____ in the time they got to speak. He thought the other candidate had more time to speak, so he got angry.
- B:** That's right. I was interested in their views on law and ⁴ _____ though. I agree with what they were saying about tougher punishment for criminals.
- A:** And at least they agreed on the problem of ⁵ _____ in big corporations. Surely the biggest companies should pay the most tax.
- B:** Yes, and they both said that ordinary people don't have enough ⁶ _____, and should have the opportunity to make more decisions about the way the country is run.
- A:** Strange really, maybe they should show that kind of ⁷ _____ to each other next time!

8.3 Behaviour

5 Underline the correct alternatives.

- 1 That website was *unhelpful/supportive*. It didn't tell me how to fix my vacuum cleaner at all.
- 2 My boss is always arguing with people. I don't like his *collaborative/confrontational* style.
- 3 Beth always thinks ahead carefully before any trip. She's so *sensible/sensitive* like that.
- 4 Jake shouldn't be so quiet in meetings. He needs to be more *tactful/assertive*.
- 5 Nothing will stop Alex when he starts a project. He's so *direct/focused*.
- 6 I've got no time for angry and *diplomatic/aggressive* people.
- 7 Your feedback on my presentation was constructive and *confrontational/tactful*. Thank you.
- 8 We all worked on this presentation. It was a *supportive/collaborative* effort.

Behaviour idioms

6 Complete each sentence with one word. The first letter in each word is given.

- 1 I know I shouldn't talk behind Andrea's b_____, but I have to tell you what I just found out.
- 2 Stand up for yourself! Don't let her w_____ all over you!
- 3 My flatmate doesn't lift a f_____ to help with the cleaning.
- 4 Our teacher's great. He always goes out of his w_____ to help us.
- 5 I think Adam's upset. He needs a s_____ to cry on.
- 6 Su's really lovely. She's always willing to give me a helping h_____.
- 7 Are those two arguing again? They can't speak to each other without locking h_____.
- 8 I love my dad. He's always t_____ for me, whenever I need him.

Focus on well

7 Cross out the adjectives in the box that cannot come after *well-*. What adjectives can they follow?

balanced behaved built chosen
consuming distance done dressed
educated informed organised paid
qualified spoken tempered working

8 Match the compound adjectives with *well-* from Exercise 7 with their meanings 1–12.

- 1 selected effectively _____
- 2 with the right knowledge or skills _____
- 3 not too much of one thing _____
- 4 uses the right words clearly and politely _____
- 5 has a good amount of knowledge/facts about a topic _____
- 6 meat that is completely cooked _____
- 7 receives a good salary _____
- 8 has a high level of schooling _____
- 9 acts in a polite way _____
- 10 wears attractive clothes _____
- 11 with muscles; not skinny _____
- 12 planned very carefully _____

9 Complete the sentences with compound adjectives from Exercise 8.

- 1 To keep healthy, I try to have a _____ diet with plenty of food from different food groups.
- 2 We need to be really _____ before the presentation. We don't want to forget something and look silly.
- 3 The most stressful jobs are often, but not always, very _____.
- 4 You need to be strong and _____ to be a rugby player.
- 5 The tour guide was brilliant. Funny but _____, she knew all the history.
- 6 Our family holiday's been _____ to make sure everyone will have something to do there.
- 7 Lucas was so _____ at the restaurant today. He didn't scream or cry once.
- 8 Ana's _____. In fact, I think she did her PhD at Harvard University.
- 9 I'd like my steak _____, please.
- 10 Ken's not really _____ to talk about the subject. What does he know about it?
- 11 Olav's a _____ young man. He talks with a lovely, gentle voice.
- 12 Make sure you're _____ for your job interview. You want to give a good first impression.

Crossword

10 Use the clues to complete the crossword with words and phrases from Unit 8.



Across

- 2** to the point, clear and honest (6)
- 4** desire to have more than you need, e.g. money, food (5)
- 5** not upsetting or offending anyone (adjective) (10)
- 6** take advantage of (someone) (4, 3, 4)
- 8** everyone is treated the same, equality (noun) (8)
- 9** being careful when dealing with others so you don't upset them (adjective) (7)
- 11** something which runs for a long time, e.g. a TV series (4-7)
- 14** do something that does not agree with your principles (verb) (2, 7)
- 17** do nothing to help (3, 4, 1, 6)
- 18** have skin that is darker because of the sun (adjective) (3-6)

Down

- 1** working together with others (adjective) (13)
- 3** taking a long time (4-9)
- 4** make an effort to help people even if it's inconvenient (2, 3, 2, 4, 3)
- 7** argue (idiom) (4, 5)
- 10** describes something that changes your life (4-8)
- 12** the giving of time or money to others (10)
- 13** not made by a machine, but by a person (8)
- 15** appreciate the feelings of others (9)
- 16** come to a decision (6, 2)
- 19** carefully think about a situation (6)