

HANDOUT – THE ADJECTIVE (upper-intermediate)

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I. Use the suitable prefixes in order to get the negative of the following adjectives:

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| 1. direct | 6. reconcilable |
| 2. honorable | 7. honest |
| 3. mobile | 8. conformist |
| 4. perfect | 9. literate |
| 5. eligible | 10. satisfied |

II. Arrange the adjective in the proper order:

1. A Turkish, woolen, rectangular, small, blue carpet
2. A/an thin, silver, medium, oval, Japanese, expensive watch
3. A bread-like, French, Christmas, round cake
4. A narrow, German, wooden, brown, short brush
5. A black-eyed, young, beautiful, Polish, tall woman

III. Fill in the blanks with a suitable adjective:

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| 1. as....as rain | 6. as ...as gall |
| 2. as ...as silk | 7. as...as the clock |
| 3. as...as a mouse | 8. asas a post |
| 4. as...as sin | 9. asas brass |
| 5. as...as a lark | 10. as...as a mule |

IV. Choose the correct answer:

1. The weather is... today than it was two days ago.
a) bad b) badder c) worst d) worse
2. My friend has recently moved into a... block of flats.
a) six-years-olds b) six-years-old c) six-year-old d) six-year-olds
3. I was very proud of my uncle who was a/an...
a) attorney general b) general attorney c) attorney-general d) general-attorney

4. This tower is.... building in Moscow.

- a) the highest b) the most high c) the higher d) the highest

5. My luggage is... than yours.

- a) heaviest b) more heavier c) heavier d) heavier

6. Mary wants to lose some weight, so she should avoid eating...foods.

- a) spicy b) greasy c) starchy d) fatty

7. The more we study, ... we become.

- a) wise b) more wiser c) the wiser d) the most wise

8. I explained to him ... exercises to do.

- a) which b) what c) how d) whom

9. She has hardly ... money.

- a) some b) no c) any d) much

10. I need some ... information if you want me to help you.

- a) farther b) far c) much d) further

V. Match the colour idioms in column A with the appropriate explanations in column B:

A

B

1. green with envy	a. born into a rich family
2. born with a silver spoon in one's mouth	b. to be sad or depressed
3. to be in the black	c. to be in good health
4. turn the air blue	d. to swear/use a lot of rude words
5. bleed somebody white	e. very jealous
6. be a grey eminence	f. unexpectedly
7. out of the blue	g. to have money in your bank account
8. to be in the pink	h. to be somebody who is very influential but remains in the background
9. to have the blues	i. to take away all somebody's money
10. to show the white feather	j. to show signs of cowardice

VI. Choose the right adjective from the pair:

1. classic-classical

Helen loves wearing ... dresses.

Tom likes both ... and modern music.

2. economic-economical

The manager was commenting on the...policy of the company.

Father likes hybrid cars since they are very... .

3. historic-historical

Stephen the Great is an important...figure.

The pottery found there was of ... significance.

4. technical-technological

... changes are going to put jobs at risk.

While working in that factory, I had to cope with a few ... problems.

5. elder-older

Her ...brother is two years older than her.

Doris should involve her ... children in these activities.