

## Compound Adjectives

In general we put an hyphen between two or more words before a noun when we want them to act as a single idea that describes something. This association is generally referred to as a « Compound Adjectives ».

e.g : I live in an Arabic- speaking country.

Daily- drip irrigated plants

### How do we know when to put an hyphen ?

#### 1. No hyphen

a. If we use the word « and » between the two adjectives or words.

e.g :  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{She has a big blue book.} \\ \text{She has a big and blue book.} \end{array} \right.$

b. Between an adverb and an adjective

e. g : It is a very hot day.

#### 2. Hyphen

##### 2.1. Compound adjective : - ing form

a. The structure implies a verb followed by a direct o

b. bject complement.

A boy that eats meat  $\Rightarrow$  A meat – eating boy

c. The structure implies the presence of adverb with verb.

A war which lasted a long time  $\Rightarrow$  A long – lasting war.

#### Activity 1 : Form the compound adjectives

- ✓ Areas to grow wheat  $\Rightarrow$  wheat – growing areas
- ✓ Drugs for curing cancer  $\Rightarrow$  cancer – curing drugs
- ✓ Fungi that rot fruit  $\Rightarrow$  fruit – rotting fungi
- ✓ Flowers that bloom late  $\Rightarrow$  late – blooming Flowers.

- ✓ Weapons for fighting against cancer ⇒ cancer – fighting weapons.
- ✓ weeds that poison cattle ⇒ cattle – poisoning weeds.

## **2.2. Counpound adjectives : - ed form**

a. The structure implies a passive contraction.

A spray equipment that is mounted on a tractor ⇒ A tractor – mounted spray equipment.

b. The structure implies on adverbial form with the passive form

A door which is operated hydraulically ⇒ A hydraulically - operated door.

### **Activity 2 :**

- ✓ Plants which are selected in a laboratory ⇒ laboratory – selected plants.
- ✓ Texts that are oriented to scientific issues ⇒ scientific – oriented texts.
- ✓ cucurbits that are planted in september ⇒ september – planted cucurbits.
- ✓ Tobacco aphids that are collected in fields ⇒ fields – collected tobacco aphids.
- ✓ Shoots that are selected randomly ⇒ randomly – selected shoots.