

## Chapter 4. Compound Adjectives

In général we put on 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 (Latin language exempli gratia and in English language for example) :

I live in an Arabic-speaking country.

Daily-drip irrigated plants

### How do we know when to put a 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 object complement.

A plant that eats meat  $\Rightarrow$  A meat-eating plant

b. The structure implies the presence of an 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 spiray 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 Aat are planted in september ⇒ september – planted cucurbits.
- ✓ Tobacco aphids that are collected in fields ⇒ field – collected tobacco aphids.
- ✓ Shoots Aat are selected randomly ⇒ randomly – selected shoots.