

SEMINAR 11B – ADJECTIVES and ADVERBS 2

QUESTIONS (to answer after you have studied the handout carefully)

1. Use the adjective 'old' illustrating the difference between its central and peripheral (only attributive use).
2. Using the following adjectives explain the difference between inherent and noninherent adjectives:
 - a) *heavy* – a *heavy* bag v. a *heavy* smoker
 - b) *sick* - a *sick* room v. a *sick* child
 - c) *difficult* - a *difficult* problem v. a *difficult* child

+ Give examples of your own using these adjectives and illustrating the difference: *true, firm, certain*
3. Give examples of:
 - a) *emphasizers*
 - b) *amplifiers*
 - c) *downtoners*
4. Explain what two different meanings can functions the word 'certain' can have using the following examples:
 - a) The army marched off to face *certain death*.
 - b) *A certain Mr Jones* phoned you in the morning.
5. Give examples of *restrictive* adjectives. Are they only attributive, only predicative or both?
6. Paraphrase the following:
 - a) a big eater
 - b) a sound sleeper
 - c) an early riser
 - d) a French teacher (2 meanings)
7. Explain the meaning of 'late' in these sentences:
 - a) The late Mr Hawkins was one of the best scientists in this country.
 - b) Mr Hawkins, the scientist, was late.
8. What are the meanings of the underlined words in the following sentences:
 - a) The poor boy was hungry.

b) The boy was poor.

9. The following adjectives are predicative only – *asleep, alike, ashamed*. Use them in sentences.

10. Explain how some adjectives can be used *dynamically*. Use the following examples:

a) I am being *thorough*.

b) I am *thorough*.

+ add other adjectives like that

11. Give examples of *gradable* v. *nongradable* adjectives + the adverbs used with them.

12. Consider the order of the adjectives in the following sentences. Correct the wrong ones:

a) a brown wooden round table

b) an old nice small clock

c) interesting new scientific advances

d) that fat silly cat

e) beautiful leather Italian courtshoes

f) an old Victorian wonderful house

g) a fat old white horse