Unit 4 Writing practice

Improve your writing

Adjective order

1. Complete the sentences by putting the bold adjectives in the correct order.

   A pea is a small, round, green vegetable.
   (green / round / small)

   1 A baby is ____________________________ child. (innocent / very young / small)
   2 An MP3 player is ____________________________ device. (modern / plastic / small)
   3 A fashion model is ____________________________ man or woman. (attractive / tall / young)
   4 An elephant is ____________________________ animal. (African or Indian / grey / large)
   5 A postbox is ____________________________ object. (metal / large / red)

2. Correct the mistakes in the sentences.

   My brother is wearing an old, large, woollen jumper.
   My brother is wearing a large, old, woollen jumper.

   1 I’ve just bought a leather, very expensive, black jacket.
   2 My sister has got curly, brown, short, hair.
   3 Zac’s girlfriend is the beautiful, French, tall woman over there.
   4 We live in a grey, concrete, ugly building.
   5 My grandfather is an elderly, Spanish, tall man.

Focus on the text

3. Read the text and order the paragraphs A–E.

Jamie Oliver

A There are many celebrities who promote good causes. We regularly see (1) ____________ pop stars trying to end world poverty. While their intentions may be genuine, many people wonder how effective their actions are. However, one celebrity who has managed to improve things is Jamie Oliver.

B In 2004, Jamie was older and wiser, and he decided to use his fame and experience to encourage healthy eating. He started with a campaign to improve British school dinners and then, in 2009, he went to the USA, hoping to convince American people that their (2) ____________ school meals were unhealthy.

C Nevertheless, Jamie has made us more aware of health problems, such as obesity, which are caused by unhealthy eating habits. He has improved public awareness of these issues and that, in itself, is impressive.

D Jamie has always loved Italian cooking, and he is famous for his (3) ____________ food. He first appeared on TV in 1997 at the age of 22, in a documentary about a restaurant. As a (4) ____________ man, he was both attractive to look at and passionate about food, and a few months later, he was presenting his own successful programmes.

E Some people were less impressed with Jamie’s healthy eating campaigns. In his TV programme about American school dinners, for example, he was accused of criticizing the women serving the meals instead of targeting the US government. Furthermore, some people said that his (5) ____________ alternatives to the meals were too expensive.

4. Complete the text with the groups of adjectives below. Put the adjectives in the correct order.

   A large, fattening D healthy, low-fat
   B delicious, Italian E wealthy, middle-aged
   C slim, young, blond