

L.O. Using hyphens to avoid ambiguity

Use hyphens to clear up any ambiguity in the following sentences. What is the effect of adding the hyphen?

1. Beware of the man eating dog.
2. You might find slow moving people on the street.
3. I saw baby Bob the other day driving his little used car.
4. I own a well behaved dog.
5. There are twenty one year old children at the nursery.
6. The vote was an absolute shambles, they lost all of the voting slips and made everyone resign.
7. The yellow taxi driver took me home from the airport.
8. Mr Fremlin is a light haired man.
9. Be careful at the shops, there is a dangerous hair remover on the shelf.
10. Unusually, Lexi was a little tongue tied today.

Hyphens can also be used to combine two adjectives or words to make a better description (see the examples below). Can you come up with 8 of your own?

red-blondé, bitter-sweet, bramble-covered