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Order of Adjectives

• In English, it is common to use more than one adjective to describe a noun. These adjectives must be used in the proper order.

Example: Here is a beautiful, red, cloth flag.



Why does *beautiful* come before *red*?
Why does *red* come before *cloth*?

• Understanding the proper order of adjectives takes practice. Use the following table to practice using the proper order of adjectives in the following sentences.

Number	Opinion	Size	Age	Shape	Color	Origin	Material	Purpose	Noun
		small		round		German			
					red			sleeping	
	generous		old						man
four							metal		

Directions: Choose the correct order of adjectives in the following sentences.

1) The woman is wearing a _____ dress.
   A) yellow long
   B) long yellow

2) He is a _____ man.
   A) tall thin
   B) thin tall

3) The company makes _____ products.
   A) excellent farming
   B) farming excellent

4) James recently departed on a _____ trip.
   A) camping long
   B) long camping

5) I love eating _____ strawberries.
   A) red big
   B) big red

6) The _____ woman did well on the test.
   A) intelligent young
   B) young intelligent

7) The ticket costs _____ dollars.
   A) ten US
   B) US ten

8) The scientists have found a _____ cure for the disease.
   A) new great
   B) great new

9) I am going to wear my _____ tie to the wedding.
   A) big cotton blue
   B) blue big cotton
   C) big blue cotton

10) Please recycle those _____ bottles.
   A) three water empty
   B) three empty water
   C) water empty three

11) She packed her clothes in a _____ box.
   A) green flimsy cardboard
   B) flimsy green cardboard
   C) cardboard flimsy green

12) Their dog is a _____ shepherd.
   A) brown big German
   B) big brown German
   C) German big brown

13) I am drinking from a _____ cup.
   A) small English tea
   B) tea small English
   C) English small tea

14) My _____ teacher talks for hours!
   A) philosophy old boring
   B) old philosophy boring
   C) boring philosophy old
   D) boring old philosophy

Directions: Now write two of your own sentences using more than one adjective to describe a noun.

1) _____

2) _____

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