



## Unit 9

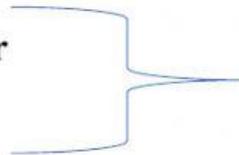
### How to order adjectives in English

In many languages, adjectives denoting attributes usually occur in a specific order. Generally, the adjective order in English is:

**Rule:** QQSASCMNN

1-Quantity or number

Quality or opinion



2-Size

3-Age

4-Shape

5-Color

6-Material

7-Nationality

8-Noun



**Write the correct order for different types of adjectives.**

blue/tables/wonderful/old/Spanish/round/tall/wooden/three



new/Japanese/black/medium/ten/plates/beautiful/square/ silver/

Plastic/green/Egyptian/box/aged/tiny/horrible/rectangular/one





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# Adjectives - Word Order



The general order of adjectives before a noun is the following:

Number	Opinion	Size	Condition	Age	Shape	Color	Origin	Material	Purpose	Noun
two	ugly	small	dirty	old	thin	red	Italian	cotton	sleeping	bags
one	beautiful	--	--	--	long	white	French	silk	wedding	dress
several	--	large	broken	ancient	--	--	Greek	clay	flower	vases

**NUMBER** Amount / Quantity  
one, two, many, several

**SHAPE** Shape / Weight / Length  
round, square, long, fat

**OPINION** Attitude / Observation  
delicious, lovely, nice, cool

**COLOR** Color / Approximate Color  
green, blue, reddish, purple

**SIZE** Size / Height  
big, small, tall, huge, tiny

**ORIGIN** Where is it from?  
American, British, Indian, Turkish

**CONDITION** Condition / State  
clean, wet, rich, hungry

**MATERIAL** What is it made of?  
gold, wooden, plastic, synthetic

**AGE** How old is it?  
old, young, new, antique

**PURPOSE** What is it used for?  
gardening, shopping, riding

Before **adjectives + noun** we normally have a *determiner*:  
- a, an, the, my, your, her, four, this, those, some, etc.

**Examples:** - a wonderful large round Spanish marble table.  
- my brown leather riding boots - the little old man

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