B Grammar

B1 Adjective position

Adjectives usually go before nouns:
I bought a white T-shirt. (**not** ~~*a T-shirt white*~~)
⚠ Adjectives don't change. (**not** ~~*some whites T-shirts*~~)

Adjectives go after some verbs (e.g. *be, get, become, look, seem, appear, sound, taste, smell, feel*):
*They're **comfortable** and they'll **look good** with the skirt.*
*The material felt really **soft**.*

⚠ A few adjectives (e.g. *afraid, alone, asleep, awake*) cannot go before a noun:
The cat was asleep on the bed. (**not** ~~*The asleep cat was on the bed.*~~) ➡C1

B2 Adjective order

When there are two or more adjectives, they go in this order:

	opinion	size/age/shape	colour	materials	
a	lovely	short	black	wool	skirt
a	beautiful		grey	leather	bag
my	favourite	long	black		boots
some		old	blue		jeans

We put *and*
- between two colour adjectives: *a black and white belt*
- between two adjectives after a verb: *Clothes shops are always boring and crowded.*

⚠ We don't say ~~*my favourite and long and black boots*~~ ➡C2

B3 Adjectives ending in *-ing* and *-ed*

Some adjectives have two forms: *-ing* and *-ed*. The adjectives have different meanings:

***-ing* adjectives describe people and things**	***-ed* adjectives describe feelings**
Clothes shops are boring.	*I'm bored.*
That's surprising news.	*We're surprised.*
Computer shops are interesting.	*You're not interested in clothes.*

➡C3

B4 Nouns used as adjectives

When we put two nouns together, the first one works like an adjective, e.g. a *birthday party*: *birthday* tells us what kind of party it is.
*a **birthday** party, a **clothes** shop, a **computer** game, a **language** school, a **student** card* ➡C4, C5

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C Grammar exercises

C1 **Match the halves of these sentences.**

1	My boyfriend sounded	d	a tired because I got up too early.
2	The school was	.....	b bad so we didn't drink it.
3	My boss seemed	.....	c wonderful because it was home-made.
4	We got	.....	d sad on the phone.
5	The bread tasted	.....	e angry but she was just in a hurry.
6	I was feeling	.....	f wet because we didn't have our raincoats.
7	The milk smelled	.....	g unusual because it had no rules.

C2 **Rewrite these sentences adding the adjectives in brackets.**

1 My friend gave me a ring for my birthday. (*silver/antique*)
My friend gave me an antique silver ring for my birthday.

2 I wore my jeans when I painted the ceiling. (*old/blue/dirty*)
.....

3 I borrowed my sister's dress to wear to the party. (*silk/lovely/long*)
.....

4 I was surprised that Mike wore that jacket. (*white/cotton*)
.....

5 He bought some shoes yesterday. (*expensive/new*)
.....

6 Jenny's father gave her a necklace for her 18th birthday. (*long/gold/beautiful*)
.....

C3 **Underline the correct adjective in each sentence.**

1 That was an *interesting/interested* lesson.
2 My parents were *tiring/tired* after the long flight.
3 We were *boring/bored* so we went to the cinema.
4 I enjoy my job but it's very *tiring/tired*.
5 You'll be *surprising/surprised* when I tell you what happened.
6 We were *exciting/excited* about seeing Michael again.
7 All the programmes on TV tonight look *boring/bored*.
8 I'm staying in an *amazing/amazed* hotel.
9 My friend was *annoying/annoyed* with me because I was late.
10 Hans is *interesting/interested* in art so I took him to the Picasso exhibition.

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C4 Match a noun in A with each noun in B then complete the sentences below.

A	B
~~address~~ ~~alarm~~ bus city credit football evening film fire police traffic wedding	~~book~~ boots car card centre ~~clock~~ engine invitation jam performance star stop

address book ..... alarm clock .....

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1 I bought a new ..alarm clock.. because I couldn't wake up in the morning.
2 Everyone was looking at the ..... as she came into the hotel.
3 The café wouldn't accept my ..... so I paid cash.
4 I usually clean my ..... when I get home from a match.
5 We couldn't get tickets for the ..... so we went in the afternoon.
6 Our teacher was late because there was a big ..... on the motorway.

C5 Read this email and look at the adjectives. There are eight mistakes. Correct them.

Hi Sally

I can't see you next week because I'm going on holiday with my parents. We always stay near a ~~town very small~~ very small town on the coast. There is a lovely and sandy beach and the sea is clear and warm. The town has lots of old beautiful buildings. My parents like going to the galleries art but I get boring so I go to the shops. You can buy cheaps clothes there. I hope we go to my restaurant favourite.

Write back and tell me all your excited news.

Duncan

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