

Position and order of adjectives

I can use adjectives correctly.

1 Choose the correct answers (a–c) to complete the sentences.

- On our trip, we visited a shop selling ___ furniture.
a old beautiful Chinese b Chinese beautiful old
c beautiful old Chinese
- We ordered some ___ olives with our meal.
a small black Greek b Greek black small
c black small Greek
- My parents are buying a ___ sofa next week.
a new red comfortable b red comfortable new
c comfortable new red
- Our favourite singer has just married a ___ politician.
a middle-aged German tall b tall middle-aged German
c German tall middle-aged
- In the story, a girl finds the key to a ___ box.
a strange black antique b black strange antique
c strange antique black
- Look at those ___ kittens – they're so cute!
a white young tiny b tiny young white
c young tiny white

2 Choose the correct answers (a or b) to complete the text.

A young contestant at the Mental Calculation World Cup



There are more and more reports of child prodigies – children with exceptional talents. One of these is the ¹ ___ maths genius Cameron Thompson. As a ² ___ boy, he corrected his teacher by saying that zero isn't the lowest number, because she had forgotten about negative numbers. A(n) ³ ___ girl called Priyanshi Somani won the Mental Calculation World Cup in 2010, held at the relatively ⁴ ___ university of Magdeburg. And a ⁵ ___ boy from Berlin started playing the violin at the age of two. Akim Camara has performed in front of 18,000 people, wearing a ⁶ ___ suit and playing a baby-size violin.

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| 1 a Welsh amazing | b amazing Welsh |
| 2 a clever four-year-old | b four-year-old clever |
| 3 a Indian young | b young Indian |
| 4 a new German | b German new |
| 5 a remarkable little | b little remarkable |
| 6 a black tiny | b tiny black |

3 Complete each sentence with the most appropriate two adjectives below in the correct order.

ancient delicious famous Greek Italian purple
tiny Turkish white young

- The red and ___ flag has a moon and a star on it.
- The Parthenon is a(n) ___ temple in Athens.
- She picked up the ___ boy to stop him from crying.
- Michelangelo was a(n) ___ painter.
- Let's make a fruit salad – we can use these ___ grapes.

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Adjectives which are only used after a linking verb (*appear, become, feel, etc.*) often describe feelings or begin with 'a' (*asleep, alive, alone, etc.*). Your dictionary should tell you if an adjective cannot go before a noun.

afraid /ə'freɪd/ *adj.* [not before noun]

1 feeling fear; frightened because you think that you might be hurt or suffer: *Don't be afraid.* ♦ ~ **of sb/sth** *It's all over. There's nothing to be afraid of now.* ♦ *Are you afraid of spiders?*

4 Read the Vocab boost! box and the dictionary entry. Choose the correct adjective. If both are correct, put a tick.

- Don't be **afraid** / **frightened**; the dog won't hurt you. ☐
- His only **alive** / **living** relatives live in New Zealand. ☐
- Are you **angry** / **annoyed** because I'm late? ☐
- It's a **lonely** / **an alone** life on that tiny island. ☐
- The **glad** / **happy** students celebrated the end of their exams with a party. ☐
- Shut the door quietly – your father's **asleep** / **sleeping**. ☐

5 Complete the sentences with the words below. Use a dictionary to help you.

alone asleep aware content cross irritable
sorry sure

- I can't be ___, but that looks like Jaime over there.
- If your brother's still ___, he's going to miss breakfast!
- When I'm on holiday, I always feel ___ just to sit on the beach and sunbathe.
- No one was ___ that the date of the test had been changed.
- Does your sister live ___ or with friends?
- She seems really ___ about the accident.
- He becomes ___ when he hasn't had enough sleep.
- Emma looks really ___. What did you say to make her so angry?