

25 Types of adjective



1 Form

Adjectives describe people, things and places. There are many different types of adjectives, for example:

OPINION	SHAPE	COLOUR	NATIONALITY
nice beautiful difficult fantastic	square long short	red yellow black blue	Russian British French



Adjectives do not have a plural form:

X two blues dresses ✓ *one blue dress, two blue dresses*

Forming adjectives from nouns/verbs ➤ Unit 106.1

2 Before nouns



Adjectives always come before a noun:

X a-dress-blue ✓ *a blue dress*



We can put two or more adjectives before a noun. We don't usually use *and* between the adjectives:

X a-beautiful-and-red dress ✓ *a beautiful red dress*

We put opinion adjectives (e.g. *beautiful, fantastic, friendly*) BEFORE other adjectives: *a fantastic red dress, a friendly French student, a beautiful old painting*

We put nationality adjectives (e.g. *Spanish, Russian*) AFTER most other adjectives: *an expensive Italian car, a young Russian student, a blue Chinese plate*

We always put material words (e.g. *cotton, silk*) next to the noun: *a Chinese silk dress, some old cotton sheets, a red leather handbag*

3 After verbs

We can use adjectives after the verb *be*:

That dress is beautiful. (= It is a beautiful dress.)

We can also use adjectives after verbs like *appear, feel, look, taste and seem*:

I feel happy today! That dress looks beautiful. Her new neighbours seem nice.

We use *and* between two adjectives after a verb:

That maths exam was long and difficult.

Practice

1 Write adjectives from the box under the pictures. Use two adjectives for each description.

Chinese cotton friendly fur old red Russian wooden



0 an old wooden chair 1 a shirt 2 a hat 3 a student

2 Use the words below to write sentences.

0 long boring book / (be) This book is long and boring.
1 beautiful suit / (look)
2 delicious salad / (taste)
3 interesting film / (look)
4 soft pullover / (feel)
5 new exciting project / (be)
6 small dark apartment / (seem)

3 GRAMMAR IN USE Complete the text with the words in brackets ()�

In a recent questionnaire 60% of people said shopping was their (0) ...favourite hobby... (hobby, favourite). They preferred it to going to restaurants, playing sport or visiting friends. One reason may be the (1) (huge, number) of shopping centres which are now open. With (2) (parking, free) and long opening hours, shopping at these places (3) (easy, seems, enjoyable, and). But 20% of people say they buy things on the Internet at least once a month. The most popular things are (4) (electronic, products) such as DVD players and digital TVs. The Internet never closes, so shopping this way (5) (convenient, is) for people who work long hours.

4 GRAMMAR IN USE There are six more mistakes in the advertisement. Find and correct them.

Cheap prices

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