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

LIVEWORKSHEETS

READ AND PUT THE ADJECTIVES IN ORDER.

1. I'm wearing a _____ _____ _____ dress.

PINK COTTON SOFT

2. I really like your _____ _____ _____ shoes.

LEATHER COMFORTABLE FLAT

3. This is an _____ _____ _____ Smart TV.

NEW BLACK EXPENSIVE

4. They have a _____ _____ _____ puppy.

SMALL CUTE BROWN

5. It's so cold. I need my _____ _____ _____ scarf!

WOOLEN NICE RED

6. I always take to school my _____ _____ _____ bag.

OLD BLUE LOVELY

7. Could you lend me your _____ _____ _____ necklace?

SILVER BEAUTIFUL NEW

8. I love standing under this_____ _____ _____ tree.

BIG WONDERFUL ROUNDED

9. I bought a _____ _____ _____ car.

OLD DIRTY BLACK

10. He has _____ _____ _____ hair.

BLONDE CURLY SHORT

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ADJECTIVE ORDER

Put the sentences in the correct order:

1.She is wearing a _____ _____ _____

long | beautiful | dress

2.He is wearing a _____ _____ _____

grey | fantastic | cap

3.They are wearing _____ _____ _____ _____

grey | new | cool | suits

4. Granny always wears a _____ _____ _____ _____

pink | old | sweater | big

5.Mike is wearing a _____ _____ _____ _____

blue | expensive | new | tracksuit

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