

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 |
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| | | small | | round | red | German | | | |
| | generous | | old | | | | | sleeping | 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

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

ADJECTIVE ORDER

Put the sentences in the correct order:

1. She is wearing a

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long

beautiful

dress

2. He is wearing a

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grey

fantastic

cap

3. They are wearing

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grey

new

cool

suits

4. Granny always wears a

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pink

old

sweater

big

5. Mike is wearing a

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blue

expensive

new

tracksuit