Grammar Note

Let's learn and practice

It is a **long** skirt with a **thick** border at the bottom.

They hold a **long** sword in one hand and an **ornately decorated** shield in the other.

The words in bold are call adjectives.

1. An adjective describes a noun such as a person, a place, a thing or an opinion.
   Examples : an **old** man, a **big** cat, a **dirty** room, a **long** ruler, an **honest** boy.

2. A noun can be described using one or more adjectives.

a long skirt	an ornately decorated shield

3. There is a fixed order for adjectives.

a brave old man	huge modern glass buildings

Look at the order od adjectives.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
opinion	size	quality	age	shape	colour	origin	material	noun
lovely	tall	beautiful	antique	slim	red	Malaysian	paper	doll

Note:

Adjectives pertaining to shape and age are interchangeable.
Example :

- It is an old small hut.
- It is a small old hut.

Exercise A: Identify the adjectives in each sentence. Write the words in the boxes given.

1. I like spicy food.

2. It is a small area.

3. I have a great idea.

4. The price is affordable.

5. He is my new classmate.

6. I want a different haircut.

7. The dresses are colourful.

8. The thick old book is on the dusty shelf.

9. It is a big round building.

10. He is a famous local artiste.

11. I bought a pair of black leather shoes.

12. My mother bought an expensive long wooden table.

13. We ordered two tasty square chocolate cake.

Exercise B: Write the correct double adjectives for each sentence.

1. He saw a _____ (young , beautiful) girl standing at the bus-stop this morning.
2. My mother has _____(long , black) hair.
3. Aliya bought a _____ (Persian , cute) cat at the pet shop.
4. There is an _____ (expensive , new) car parked outside our house.
5. Encik Zaimi is wearing a _____ (great , woolen) jacket to the office today.
6. We bought some _____(delicious , red) strawberries just now.
7. She wore an _____ (stunning , plain) evening gown for the wedding last night.
8. Aisyah is an _____(intelligent , young) girl who is studying in Korea.
9. There is an _____(old, wooden) chair in the store-room.
10. My brother bought a _____(expensive , beaded) handbag for his fiancée.
11. There is a _____ (wooden , large) cupboard in the corner of the living room.
12. Mother bought a _____ (silk , pink) scarf at the department store.

Skills : 5.1.6