

2B GRAMMAR using adjectives as nouns, adjective order

a Circle the correct form. Check (✓) if both forms are correct.

- 1 The unemployed / Unemployed people can apply to do these training courses free of charge. ✓
- 2 The French / Frenchs are very proud of their language and culture.
- 3 There are a lot of homeless people / homeless sleeping on the streets at night.
- 4 I met a very nice Japanese girl / Japanese in Washington. She was really friendly.
- 5 Rich people / The rich always live in the best part of a city.
- 6 The Spanish / Spanish love being outside on warm, summer evenings.
- 7 Mr. President, a lot of people say that your government just doesn't care about poor / the poor.
- 8 Don't talk like that – you should show more respect for elderly people / the elderly.
- 9 The Chinese / The Chineses invented paper.
- 10 The young / Young are finding it very difficult to buy their first apartment or house.

b Complete the sentences with the adjectives in parentheses in the correct order. Use your instinct if you are not sure.

- 1 A Can I help you?
B Yes, I'm looking for some fashionable, high-heeled sandals. (**high-heeled / fashionable**)
- 2 A Did you see either of the robbers?
B It all happened so fast. I saw a young man wearing a _____ jacket running out of the restaurant. (**denim / blue**)
- 3 A Your granddaughter's boyfriend is a rock musician, isn't he, Mrs. Smith?
B Yes, he is, but I can't stand the _____ music he plays! (**loud / awful**)
- 4 A Your son looks really like you – he has your _____ eyes. (**dark / big**)
B Do you think so? I think he looks more like my husband.
- 5 A Are you looking for something?
B Yes. I've lost a _____ scarf. Have you seen it? (**silk / long / black**)
- 6 A We used to live in a _____ house near the river. (**wooden / beautiful / old**)
B How lovely. It must have been really peaceful.
- 7 A I've just arrived on the flight from Athens, but my suitcase hasn't arrived.
B Can you describe it?
A It's a _____ case. (**black / leather / small**)
- 8 A Ever since Simon came back from Bangkok, he's been cooking me _____ curries. (**delicious / Thai**)
B Lucky you! I love curries.
- 8 A What does Adam's wife look like?
B She's very thin and she has _____ hair. (**brown / curly / short**)
- 10 A I'm going to wear my _____ shirt to the party. (**new / striped**)
B Good idea. It really suits you.

ACTIVATION

Describe three items that you own, e.g., clothes, a car, a guitar, etc., using two or three adjectives in the correct order. Use the chart to help you.

| item | adjectives | description |
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| bag | leather, brown, lovely | I have a lovely, brown leather bag that I bought in Italy last summer. |
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