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Adjectives - Word Order

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The general order of adjectives before a noun is the following:

Opinion	Size	Age	Shape	Color	Origin	Material	Purpose	Noun
ugly	small	old	thin	red	Italian	cotton	sleeping	bag
beautiful	--	--	long	white	French	silk	wedding	dress
--	large	ancient	--	--	Greek	clay	flower	vases

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OPINION Attitude / Observation
delicious, lovely, nice, cool

COLOR Color / Approximate Color
green, blue, reddish, purple

SIZE Size / Height
big, small, tall, huge, tiny

ORIGIN Where is it from?
American, British, Indian, Turkish

AGE How old is it?
old, young, new, antique

MATERIAL What is it made of?
gold, wooden, plastic, synthetic

SHAPE Shape / Weight / Length
round, square, long, fat

PURPOSE What is it used for?
gardening, shopping, riding

Before **adjectives + noun** we normally have a *determiner*:
- a, an, the, my, your, her, four, this, those, some, etc.

Examples: - a wonderful large round Spanish marble table.
- my brown leather riding boots - the little old man

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