

Lesson 27- Adverbs-Grammar (part 2)



The **ROYAL** **ORDER** of **ADJECTIVES**

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DETERMINER	a, an, four, her, our, those, that, several, some
OPINION	beautiful, difficult, expensive, gorgeous
SIZE	big, little, small, enormous, large, tiny
SHAPE	oval, round, square, rectangular, flat
AGE	new, young, old, ancient, modern
COLOUR	yellow, blue, pink, redish, black, white, grey
ORIGIN	French, British, Italian, Thai, Korean, Chinese
MATERIAL	gold, silver, wooden, metal, cotton, paper
PURPOSE	sleeping, touring, hunting, dining, frying
NOUN	bag, car, mirror, table, dog, wardrobe

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Adjectives of size and length (big/small/tall/short/long etc.) usually go before adjectives of shape and width (round/fat/thin/slim/wide etc.):

a large round table a tall thin girl a long narrow street

When there are two or more colour adjectives, we use **and**:

a black and white dress a red, white and green flag

This does not usually happen with other adjectives before a noun:

a long black dress (*not* a long and black dress)

Exercise 1

Put the adjectives in brackets in correct position

1. We wanted a grey metal table.
2. They bought a new red car.
3. She went home and sat on her comfortable old wooden bed.
4. He bought a fabulous British woollen suit.
5. They have black Dutch bicycles.
6. He wants some really delicious French cheese.
7. A pretty young girl walked into the room.
8. He has a lot of interesting old books.
9. She bought a new red plastic lunchbox.
10. He is looking for a stylish black leather bag.
11. She dropped the beautiful old plate and it smashed.
12. I want an amazing green silk dress.
13. She drank hot black Italian coffee.
14. He saw an old French writing desk.
15. They stayed in a cute little cottage.
16. I visited a spooky ancient German castle.
17. He has a beautiful old silver ring.
18. We ate some round green English apples.
19. I need a comfortable computer desk.
20. They went on holiday to a beautiful small wooden cabin.

Exercise 2

http://englishtests.ucoz.com/GrammarTests/Position_of_Adjectives.htm

Exercise 3

Decide whether these adjectives are in the correct position. Choose Yes (Y) or No (N)

1. I would like two, generous, gigantic slices of pie. T
2. That new, lovely girl is in my class. F
3. Mom is a beautiful, tall, Armenian woman. T
4. Last year was the longest, worst year of my life. F
5. That green, tiny, pretty gem is my favorite. F
6. I like to have at least one, trustworthy, old friend. T
7. We will eat off of the ugly, square plastic dishes. T
8. France is a huge, graceful, old country. F
9. I bought a cute, second-hand, purple dress. F
10. That temperamental, small, Australian dog is mine. T
11. I believe there are many, tiny garden fairies outside. T
12. That wooden, big, lop-sided box is mine. F
13. My first, tortoiseshell, fat cat is named Abby. F
14. I love those long, green, silk socks. T
15. I ate gigantic, two all-beef hot dogs. F

Exercise 4

Put the adjectives in brackets in the correct position

1. an unusual gold ring
2. a beautiful old house
3. black leather gloves
4. an old American film
5. a long thin face
6. big black clouds
7. a lovely sunny day
8. an ugly yellow dress
9. a long wide avenue
10. little, old, red car
11. a nice new green sweater
12. a small black metal box
13. a big fat black cat
14. a lovely little young village
15. pretty long black hair
16. an interesting old French painting
17. an enormous red and yellow umbrella