

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

## Exercise 2

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## 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.
2. That new, lovely girl is in my class.
3. Mom is a beautiful, tall, Armenian woman.
4. Last year was the longest, worst year of my life.
5. That green, tiny, pretty gem is my favorite.
6. I like to have at least one, trustworthy, old friend.
7. We will eat off of the ugly, square plastic dishes.

8. France is a huge, graceful, old country.
9. I bought a cute, second-hand, purple dress.
10. That temperamental, small, Australian dog is mine.
11. I believe there are many, tiny garden fairies outside.
12. That wooden, big, lop-sided box is mine.
13. My first, tortoiseshell, fat cat is named Abby.
14. I love those long, green, silk socks.
15. I ate gigantic, two all-beef hot dogs.

## Exercise 4

Put the adjectives in brackets in the correct position

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