

## Order of Adjectives

• In English, it is common to use more than one adjective to describe a noun. These adjectives must be used in the proper order.

**Example:** Here is a **beautiful, red, cloth** flag.

Why does *beautiful* come before *red*?

Why does *red* come before *cloth*?



• Understanding the proper order of adjectives takes practice. Use the following table to practice using the proper order of adjectives in the following sentences.

Number	Opinion	Size	Age	Shape	Color	Origin	Material	Purpose	Noun
		small		round		German			
					red			sleeping	
	generous		old						man
four							metal		

**Directions:** Choose the correct order of adjectives in the following sentences.

- 1) The woman is wearing a \_\_\_\_\_ dress.  
A) yellow long  
B) long yellow
- 2) He is a \_\_\_\_\_ man.  
A) tall thin  
B) thin tall
- 3) The company makes \_\_\_\_\_ products.  
A) excellent farming  
B) farming excellent
- 4) James recently departed on a \_\_\_\_\_ trip.  
A) camping long  
B) long camping
- 5) I love eating \_\_\_\_\_ strawberries.  
A) red big  
B) big red
- 6) The \_\_\_\_\_ woman did well on the test.  
A) intelligent young  
B) young intelligent
- 7) The ticket costs \_\_\_\_\_ dollars.  
A) ten US  
B) US ten
- 8) The scientists have found a \_\_\_\_\_ cure for the disease.  
A) new great  
B) great new
- 9) I am going to wear my \_\_\_\_\_ tie to the wedding.  
A) big cotton blue  
B) blue big cotton  
C) big blue cotton
- 10) Please recycle those \_\_\_\_\_ bottles.  
A) three water empty  
B) three empty water  
C) water empty three
- 11) She packed her clothes in a \_\_\_\_\_ box.  
A) green flimsy cardboard  
B) flimsy green cardboard  
C) cardboard flimsy green
- 12) Their dog is a \_\_\_\_\_ shepherd.  
A) brown big German  
B) big brown German  
C) German big brown
- 13) I am drinking from a \_\_\_\_\_ cup.  
A) small English tea  
B) tea small English  
C) English small tea
- 14) My \_\_\_\_\_ teacher talks for hours!  
A) philosophy old boring  
B) old philosophy boring  
C) boring philosophy old  
D) boring old philosophy

**Directions:** Now write two of your own sentences using more than one adjective to describe a noun.

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_