

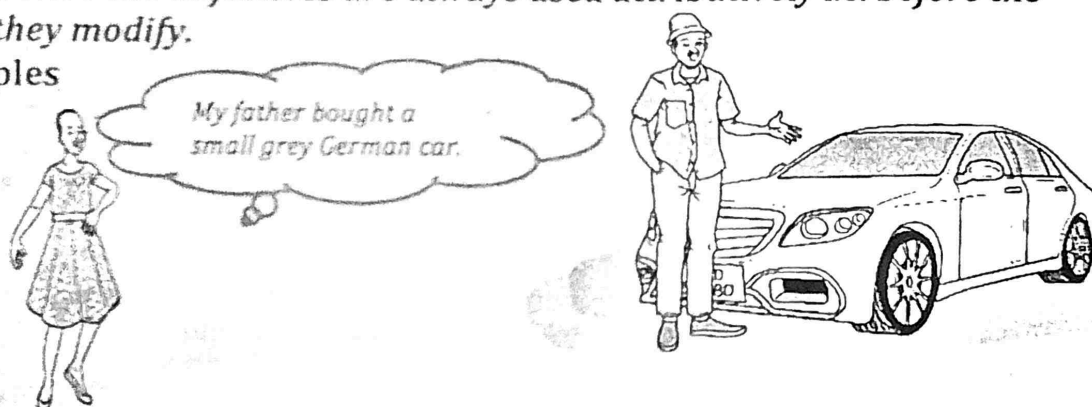
# ORDER OF ADJECTIVES

- When adjectives are many in a sentence, they can be arranged in a specific order.
- The order is according to the acronym **NOPSASCOM-PN**.

Category	Examples
<b>N</b> Number	<i>one, four, ten, fifteen, several, many, much, few, some, a, an, their, etc. All determiners belong to this category.</i>
<b>OP</b> Opinion	<i>smart, beautiful, proud, dull, wise, foolish, handsome, expensive, attractive etc.</i>
<b>S</b> Size	<i>big, thick, fat, wide, thin, short, long, slim, tiny, slender, high, tall, short etc.</i>
<b>A</b> Age	<i>old, new, young, ancient, modern, middle-aged etc.</i>
<b>S</b> Shape	<i>circular, triangular, square, oval, spherical, cylindrical, tubular etc.</i>
<b>C</b> Colour	<i>grey, green, white, blue, brown, black, yellow etc.</i>
<b>O</b> Origin (proper adjectives)	<i>Ugandan, Kenyan, Korean, Ghanaian, Irish, Rwandan, Chinese, Dutch, Turkish, Nigerian, Canadian, Scottish, Burmese etc.</i>
<b>M</b> Material	<i>cotton, silken, gold, nylon, wooden, woollen, leather, metallic etc.</i>
<b>P</b> Purpose	<i>walking, dancing, bridal, swimming, skating etc.</i>
<b>N</b> Noun	<i>man, sheep, child, table, cars, ball, medal etc.</i>

**NOTE:** Here the adjectives are always used attributively i.e. before the noun they modify.

Examples



- Three men came to my office. They were fat. They were light-skinned. They were from India.  
*Three fat light-skinned Indian men came to my office.*
- Doreen has a teacher. The teacher is tall. The teacher is intelligent. He is very old.  
*Doreen has an intelligent tall very old teacher.*

## Exercise

Re-write the given sentences as one without using 'who', 'which', 'that' or 'and'.

- We met a traffic officer. He was very tall. He had thin legs. He was blind.

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