

Can you describe it well?

Objectives

- Describe people, things and places using more than one Adjective.

Focus on Grammar | Adjective Order

When you need more than one adjective to describe a noun, place the adjectives in the following order *before* the noun.

Recommendation: *Use no more than three adjectives preceding a noun.*

1. Opinion - *an interesting movie, a boring class*
2. Dimension - *a big park, a thin woman*
3. Age - *an old lady, an ancient building*
4. Shape - *a square box, an oval mask*
5. Color - *a red sweater, a blue pen*
6. Origin - *an Italian handbag, a Chinese town, a Japanese car*
7. Material - *a wooden desk, a silk tie*
8. Purpose - *These adjectives often end in -ing: an ugly, large, blue sleeping bag*

Note this!

Examples of nouns modified with three adjectives in the correct order. Notice that commas do not separate adjectives.

- A great new American computer. (opinion - age - origin)
- A small round red box. (dimension - shape - color)
- An awful blue plastic ornament. (opinion - color - material)
- A big old Russian painting. (dimension - age - origin)

Describe the building in the picture. In your notebook, describe at least two things you possess, two places in your area and two people you know. Use three adjectives in each description. Read your descriptions to the group. Are the adjectives in the correct order?

Big Ben / London / completed in 1858 / 150th anniversary on 31 May 2009

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Visit <http://www.grammar.cl/english-games/adjective-word-order-basic.htm> and take a quiz.



Work in Teams

Copy the chart into your notebook. Look at the examples. Form teams. In 10 minutes, describe as many things / people as you can. The team with the most examples is the winner.

	opinion	dimension	age	shape	color	origin	material	purpose	noun
a	nice	chubby	young		white	English		working	man
that	silly	big	old	round	brown		wood		ornament
my	dear	large	new		blue	japanese	silk	traditional	dress

Write It Right

Write the words in the correct order. If the order is correct, check (✓) the sentence.

- I met a short thin Colombian lady. _____
- My mom bought a new carving steel knife. My mom bought a new steel carving knife
- He wore a dirty cotton old tie. He wore a dirty old cotton tie
- We heard a Swiss new exciting band. We hear a exciting swiss new band
- My dog broke a very expensive Japanese serving bowl. _____

Speak up!

Describe one of the pictures. Your partner identifies what you are talking about.



DIY

Write a paragraph describing your favorite possession. Read it aloud to your teacher and classmates.

Check (✓)

Check what you can do!

- ☐ describe physical appearance
- ☐ describe people's character
- ☐ give information using relative clauses and pronouns