

Session 1

Have you ever moved home or from a building you loved? In 2012, the BBC World Service left its home at Bush House to move to a new building. In this session, you'll hear BBC staff remembering our emotional move and learn some useful vocabulary to talk about experiences like this.

Activity 3

6 Minute Vocabulary

Adjective order

So in this session we've heard all about Bush House, where the BBC World Service broadcast until 2012. They talked about working at Bush House and what they liked and didn't like about it. Yuri Goligorsky, who has worked for the Russian Service, talked about the carpets. He said they were worn out and undignified. This means they're probably old as well.

But how would we use these adjectives with the noun carpet? Which of these has the correct adjective order?

- old, worn-out, undignified carpets
- worn-out, undignified, old carpets
- undignified, old, worn-out carpets

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So, to describe the carpets in Bush House we should say they are **undignified, old, worn-out carpets**. This is because the adjective order is opinion first, then age and then quality.

And it's a big, old, smelly dog!

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Vocabulary points to take away

Adjective order can be tricky, so it's useful to note down some examples. Writing adjectives before a noun, separated by categories, can be a good way to help you to remember the order. Here are some examples:

Size - age - colour - material:

A big old red leather sofa

Opinion - colour - material:

Some lovely pink and white silk curtains

Size - age - quality:

A big old smelly dog

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End of Session

That's it for Session 1. We hope you enjoyed hearing about an important BBC building. In the next session we'll start to look at the grammar we can use to talk about these experiences: the present perfect with the words **for** and **since**. And we'll hear from two current employees of the BBC World Service. See you then!