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When we have **more than one adjective** before a noun, to sound naturally, these adjectives should go in a **specific order**.

Two basic principles

There two basic principles we must observe:

1. [Opinion adjectives](#) are always put **before fact adjectives**.
2. The order of **fact adjectives** depends on the **facts** they describe.

The **usual order of adjectives** is presented below:

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Order of adjectives chart

Order of Adjectives

1
Determiner
a, an, the, this, that, these, those

2
Opinion
great, terrible, pretty, lovely, silly, beautiful, horrible, difficult

3
Size
huge, big, large, tiny, enormous, little

4
Age
ancient, new, young, old

5
Shape
triangular, square, round, flat, rectangular

6
Color
black, yellow, blue, pink, reddish, grey

7
Origin
British, Chinese, French, American, Greek, Italian

8
Material
wooden, silk, metal, paper, silver, copper, cotton, leather

9
Purpose
writing, cooking, running, washing

NOUN
car, table, dress, mug, suitcase, balloon

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- *Recently I've been to a **small German** town (size → origin).*
- *Every fashion-monger should have a **small black** dress (size → color).*
- *That's a **lovely young grey** kitten (opinion → age → color).*
- *I have a **beautiful French wool** sweater (opinion → origin → material).*
- *Tom is a **nice, intelligent young** man (general opinion → specific opinion → age).*
- *My grandmother has an **old round wooden** table in the country (age → shape → material).*

General rules

There are some general rules to remember.

1. The most significant adjective should go immediately before the noun:

- He gave me an **old grandfather** clock.

2. We use 'and' where the adjectives are in the same category (or when talking about colors):

- *Peter is **tall and slim**.*
- *Cool colors such as **blue and green** have a calming effect.*

3. For contrast we use 'but':

- *The house was **charming but rundown**.*

4. With more than 2 adjectives use 'and' before the final one:

- *Her dress was **green, yellow and orange**.*

*Note: In English you **should not** put more than **three adjectives** in a row before a noun.*

Here's a good video explaining how to memorize easily the correct order of adjectives:

See also:

[Fact and Opinion Adjectives](#)

[Common and Demonstrative Adjectives](#)