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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

<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b><u>Determiner</u></b> a, an, the, this, that, these, those	<b><u>Opinion</u></b> great, terrible, pretty, lovely, silly, beautiful, horrible, difficult	<b><u>Size</u></b> huge, big, large, tiny, enormous, little
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b><u>Age</u></b> ancient, new, young, old	<b><u>Shape</u></b> triangular, square, round, flat, rectangular	<b><u>Color</u></b> black, yellow, blue, pink, reddish, grey
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b><u>Origin</u></b> British, Chinese, French, American, Greek, Italian	<b><u>Material</u></b> wooden, silk, metal, writing, paper, silver, copper, cotton, leather	<b><u>Purpose</u></b> cooking, running washing
<b>NOUN</b> 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](#)