

Appendix - A6 - Adjective Stacking / Order of Adjectives

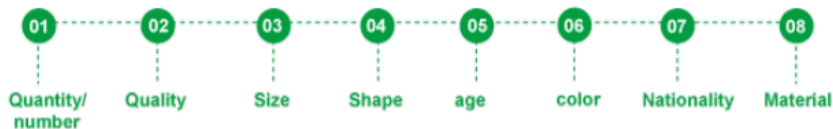
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Order of Adjectives

Adjective Order



Examples:

The two **small young** white cats walked across the street.



The two **small young** white cats walked across the street.

The best **British wool** sweaters are sold here.



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The Order of Adjectives in English

When more than one adjective describes a noun, English follows this natural order:

1. **Number / Quantity**
2. **Opinion / Quality**
3. **Size**
4. **Age**
5. **Shape**
6. **Colour**
7. **Origin** (where it's from)
8. **Material**
9. **Purpose** (what it's used for)
10. **Noun**



Example

She bought two lovely small old round red Italian leather riding boots.

Position	Type	Example
1	Number	two
2	Opinion	lovely
3	Size	small
4	Age	old
5	Shape	round
6	Colour	red
7	Origin	Italian
8	Material	leather
9	Purpose	riding
10	Noun	boots

ELL - Friend chart.



ELL-Friendly Summary Chart

Order	Type of Adjective	Examples
1	Number	one, two, several
2	Opinion	beautiful, nice, ugly
3	Size	big, small, tiny
4	Age	new, old, young
5	Shape	round, square, long
6	Colour	blue, red, green
7	Origin	Canadian, French, African
8	Material	cotton, wooden, silk
9	Purpose	sleeping (bag), running (shoes)
10	Noun	dress, car, house

She has a dress.

She has **one new beautiful Chinese blue silk** dress.

The word beautiful is the adjective.

Definition:

An adjective is a word that helps describe a noun.

Add word **silk** to the sentence above.



What is the colour of this dress? Blue

Implement the order of adjectives in the previous sentence above when we did Adjective stacking.

Correct the order of adjectives in the sentence below:

Incorrect order:

Sentence:

She has one new beautiful Chinese blue silk dress.

Corrected order:

Sentence:

She has one beautiful new blue Chinese silk dress.