

Adjective placement

Where should I put my adjectives? When you use several adjectives, please use the following order to build your sentence. Please note that sentences containing 4 (or more!) adjectives are very awkward and should be split into several sentences.

1 Opinion

>> an **interesting** movie, an **exciting** journey

2 Dimension

>> a **large** house, a **big** car

3 Age

>> an **old** boat, a **young** boy

4 Shape

>> an **oval** carpet, a **round** table

5 Colour

>> a **grey** raincoat, a **green** door

6 Origin

>> **French** bread, a **Japanese** town

7 Material

>> a **plastic** bottle, a **wooden** treasure

EXAMPLES:

>A **wonderful** **old** **Italian** clock. (**opinion** – **age** – **origin**)

>A **big** **square** **blue** box. (**dimension** – **shape** – **colour**)

>A **disgusting** **pink** **plastic** ornament. (**opinion** – **colour** – **material**)

>Some **slim** **new** **French** trousers. (**dimension** – **age** – **origin**)

TEST

Build a phrase with this noun and these adjectives

1. book >> interesting – small – Spanish
2. house >> beautiful – modern – small
3. cap >> cotton – funny – green
4. picture >> modern – ugly – rectangular

ANSWERS 1. An interesting small Spanish book. 2. A beautiful small modern house 3. A funny green cotton cap 4. An ugly modern rectangular picture