

Ordering Adjectives

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Quick Review

When you use more than one adjective, English follows a special order: Opinion – Size – Age – Shape – Color – Origin – Material – Purpose, then the noun. Example: 'a beautiful old wooden bench'.

PRACTICE

Each item lists the SAME adjectives in four different orders. Only one follows the OSASCOMP rule (Opinion-Size-Age-Shape-Color-Origin-Material-Purpose). Pick that one.

- Choose the sentence with the adjectives in the correct order.
 - She has a wooden old beautiful bench.
 - She has a beautiful old wooden bench.
 - She has an old beautiful wooden bench.
 - She has a wooden beautiful old bench.
- Choose the correct order.
 - a small red ball
 - a red small ball
 - a ball small red
 - small a red ball
- Choose the correct order.
 - a young friendly Italian chef
 - an Italian young friendly chef
 - a friendly young Italian chef
 - a friendly Italian young chef
- Choose the correct order.
 - a round big table
 - a round table big
 - big a round table
 - a big round table



5. Choose the correct order.
- A. a soft white cotton shirt
 - B. a white soft cotton shirt
 - C. a cotton soft white shirt
 - D. a soft cotton white shirt
6. Choose the correct order.
- A. an old long wooden Italian boat
 - B. a long old Italian wooden boat
 - C. a wooden long Italian old boat
 - D. an Italian old long wooden boat
7. Choose the correct order.
- A. two black tiny puppies
 - B. tiny two black puppies
 - C. two tiny black puppies
 - D. black two tiny puppies
8. Put these adjectives in the right order before the noun 'box': metal / small / shiny. Answer: a _____ box.
- Answer: _____
9. Choose the correct order.
- A. a brand-new plastic blue lunchbox
 - B. a blue brand-new plastic lunchbox
 - C. a plastic blue brand-new lunchbox
 - D. a brand-new blue plastic lunchbox
10. True or False: 'A green big ugly frog' uses adjectives in the correct order.
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Answer Keys

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| Explanations | |
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| 1. B | Order: opinion (beautiful) → age (old) → material (wooden). All four use the SAME adjectives — only the order changes. B is the only one that follows OSASCOMP. |
| 2. A | Size (small) comes before color (red). B reverses size/color; C puts adjectives after the noun (wrong in English); D places 'a' between two adjectives. |
| 3. C | Opinion (friendly) → age (young) → origin (Italian). A puts age before opinion; B starts with origin; D puts origin before age. |
| 4. D | Size (big) comes before shape (round). A reverses size/shape; B puts an adjective after the noun; C places 'a' after 'big'. |
| 5. A | Opinion (soft) → color (white) → material (cotton). B starts with color; C starts with material; D puts material before color. |
| 6. B | Size (long) → age (old) → origin (Italian) → material (wooden). The other three scramble the size, age, origin, and material slots. |
| 7. C | Number (two) → size (tiny) → color (black). A swaps size and color; B puts size before the number; D leads with color. |
| 8. | Answer: shiny small metal Opinion (shiny) → size (small) → material (metal). Accept: 'shiny small metal'. Common wrong orders and the rule they break: 'small shiny metal' (size before opinion); 'metal small shiny' (material leads); 'shiny metal small' (size after material). |
| 9. D | Age (brand-new) → color (blue) → material (plastic). A puts material before color; B leads with color; C leads with material. |
| 10. False | Correct order is opinion → size → color: 'an ugly big green frog'. |



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