

# 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.
- T / F



## Answer Keys

- 1  A  B  C  D
- 2  A  B  C  D
- 3  A  B  C  D
- 4  A  B  C  D
- 5  A  B  C  D

- 6  A  B  C  D
- 7  A  B  C  D
- 8
- 9  A  B  C  D
- 10  T  F

### Explanations

<b>1. B</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.
<b>2. A</b>	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.
<b>3. C</b>	Opinion (friendly) → age (young) → origin (Italian). A puts age before opinion; B starts with origin; D puts origin before age.
<b>4. D</b>	Size (big) comes before shape (round). A reverses size/shape; B puts an adjective after the noun; C places 'a' after 'big'.
<b>5. A</b>	Opinion (soft) → color (white) → material (cotton). B starts with color; C starts with material; D puts material before color.
<b>6. B</b>	Size (long) → age (old) → origin (Italian) → material (wooden). The other three scramble the size, age, origin, and material slots.
<b>7. C</b>	Number (two) → size (tiny) → color (black). A swaps size and color; B puts size before the number; D leads with color.
<b>8.</b>	<b>Answer:</b> 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).
<b>9. D</b>	Age (brand-new) → color (blue) → material (plastic). A puts material before color; B leads with color; C leads with material.
<b>10. False</b>	Correct order is opinion → size → color: 'an ugly big green frog'.



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