

Hello everyone!

Order of Adjectives

When we use more than one adjective before a noun in English, we often put the adjectives in a specific order.

However, there are two things to remember:

- First, it's very rare to use more than three adjectives before a noun.
- Second, sometimes the order can be changed, usually to emphasise something.

The order of the adjectives are as follows:

1. **O**pinion: pretty, horrible, lovely
2. **S**ize: huge, tiny, big, little
3. **A**ge: old, young, new
4. **S**hape: round, square, triangular
5. **C**olour: black, red, yellow
6. **O**origin: British, Chinese, French
7. **M**aterial: woollen, wooden, silk
8. **P**urpose: writing (paper), school (shoes)

The first letter of these words spell 'OSASCOMP' and this is a great way to remember the order of adjectives.

Here are some examples:

- I bought a small black handbag.
- That is a really ugly wooden chair.
- There is a new Chinese student in the class.
- We sold some old French paintings.
- We bought a new round kitchen table.
- She was wearing a new red silk dress.

Exercises:

Access the following links and do the exercises online. When you are ready take a screenshot and upload it in our Google Classroom.

https://www.learnenglishfeelgood.com/esl_adjectiveorder1.html

https://www.learnenglishfeelgood.com/esl_adjectiveorder4.html

Types of Adjectives (OSASCOMP)

- **O**pinion
 - *Examples:* funny, beautiful, fabulous, difficult
- **S**ize (A size adjective tells you how big or small something is)
 - *Examples:* large, tiny, enormous, little
- **A**ge
 - *Examples:* ancient, new, young, old
- **S**hape
 - *Examples:* square, round, flat, rectangular
- **C**olor
 - *Examples:* blue, pink, reddish, gray
- **O**rigin
 - *Examples:* Mexican, Chinese, eastern, northern, lunar, solar
- **M**aterial
 - *Examples:* wooden, metal, cotton, paper, stone
- **P**urpose (These adjectives often end with "-ing")
 - *Examples:* sleeping (as in "sleeping bag"), roasting (as in "roasting pan")