

Adjectives - Word Order

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The general order of adjectives before a noun is the following:

Opinion	Size	Shape	Condition	Age	Colour	Pattern	Origin	Material	Purpose	Noun
ugly	small	thin	dirty	old	red	striped	Italian	cotton	sleeping	bag
beautiful	--	long	--	--	white	--	French	silk	wedding	dress
--	large	--	broken	ancient	--	--	Greek	clay	flower	vase

OPINION

Attitude / Observations

delicious, lovely, nice, cool

SIZE

Size / Height

big, small, tall, huge, tiny

SHAPE

Shape / Weight / Length

round, square, long, fat

CONDITION

Condition / State

clean, wet, rich, hungry

AGE

How old is it?

old, young, new, antique

COLOUR

Colour / Approximate Colour

green, blue, reddish, purple

PATTERN

Pattern / Design

spotted, checked, flowery, zigzag

ORIGIN

Where is it from?

American, British, Arabic, Turkish

MATERIAL

What is it made of?

gold, wooden, plastic, synthetic

PURPOSE

What is it used for?

gardening, shopping, riding

Before **adjectives + noun** we normally have a *determiner*:
- a, an, the, my, your, her, four, this, those, some etc.