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| The Order of Modifiers |
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| **FORM:** | Modifiers are words that we add before a noun to provide more information and to make a noun phrase. Modifiers can be determiners (quantifiers, articles, possessive pronouns, demonstratives), intensifiers, adjectives or other nouns. |  |
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| **USE:****Opinion/****Evaluation** attractive special  | There is an order in which the modifiers are placed according to their category. You usually only use one determiner within a noun phrase. **I--------------------------Determiners----------------------------I** **Quantifiers Articles Possessive Demonstrative Intensifiers Adjectives Noun**s**Pronouns Pronouns***Some a, an my this really see below spring**Many the her that very flower* Examples:* *I need* ***some really good*** *ideas for this project.*
* *It was* ***a wonderful spring*** *day.*

A noun can be modified by more than one adjective. We don’t usually use more than two or three adjectives at the most. Some of the groups of adjectives can be grouped into adjectives of appearance and adjectives of origin. Below is the usual word order of adjectives. Adjectives are never plural in English.  **I---------------Appearance---------------------------I I-----------------Origin--------------------I** **Size Shape Condition Age Colour Geographical Material Reference**  huge oval pale young purple South African cotton educational tiny triangular happy teenaged yellow Peruvian steel officeExamples:* *Canada is a* ***young northern*** *country.*
* *He was dating an* ***attractive European*** *woman.*
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| *In these sentences the MODIFIERS are in a random order. Please put them in their proper order. Example: This is not a / an (office, traditional) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ building.* *This is not a / ~~an~~ traditional office building.* |

1. He is (French, a, really, tall) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_soldier.
2. She is (British, mystery, a, well-known) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ novelist.
3. Today, I’m wearing (cotton, favourite, my, old) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ shirt.
4. We work in (concrete, huge, a, office) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_building.
5. She stood out from the crowd with (pink, her, silk) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ dress.
6. A beach ball is (big, round) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
7. He was (lonely, a/an, short, unattractive) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_man, but (brilliant, a) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ artist.
8. Poverty is (social, a, stubborn) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ problem.
9. A hockey puck is (black, round, a, small) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ piece of rubber.
10. That is such (dirty, oil, a, old) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ filter. Change it!
11. It’s a bit cool this morning. I think I’ll put on (black, my, new, wool) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sweater.
12. He owns (Belgian, strong, two, work) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_horses.
13. Their house has (old, lovely, wooden) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ floors.
14. (fertile, Italian, the, wine) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_vineyards are the best in the world.

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| *Put the ADJECTIVES and NOUNS in the correct order.* |

1. I ate some \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_food last night.

 a. spicy b. delicious c. Thai

1. “Just walk down the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ road.”

 a. narrow b. long c. dirt

1. She sold her \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ company.

 a. successful b. computer c. Norwegian

1. I can’t find my \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ belt.

 a. leather b. brown c. thin

1. I’d love to hear a / an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ story.

 a. wonderful b. old c. Native American

1. Paris is a / an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ city.

 a. intriguing b. historical c. romantic

1. The author is a/an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ writer.

 a. romance b. prolific c. well-known

1. Ice hockey is a/an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sport.

 a. fast-paced b. violent c. exciting

1. My birthday cake was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ cake.

 a. chocolate b. delicious c. sponge