

Modifiers: Order of Adjectives

FORM: We can put more than one adjective in front of a noun to provide more information about that noun. The adjectives have to go in a certain order, depending upon which category of adjective they belong to. The order of the categories is outlined below.

Opinion/ Evaluation	I-----Appearance-----I					I-----Origin-----I		
	Size	Shape	Condition	Age	Colour	Geographical	Material	Reference
wonderful	large	round	broken	old	red	North American	plastic	scientific
extraordinary	small	square		teenaged	pink	Mexican	iron	office

EXAMPLE: An extraordinary Chinese educational institution
A small round elf.

Put the ADJECTIVES in brackets in the correct order.

1. She is a (dark-haired, Spanish, sophisticated) _____
_____ beauty.
2. He bought a(n) (striped, stylish, dress) _____
_____ shirt.
3. We have rented a (2-bedroom, new, spacious) _____
_____ apartment.
4. Mary purchased a(n) (old, ugly, oil) _____
_____ painting.
5. The bed was covered with a (cotton, bright, colourful) _____
_____ quilt.
6. They had a (wedding, three-tiered, chocolate) _____
_____ cake.
7. To the new immigrants, Canada was a (cold, strange, threatening) _____
_____ place.
8. All the girls were crazy for the (handsome, young, new) _____
_____ teacher.
9. Curling is a(n) (winter, unusual) _____ sport.

Intermediate 3 – Exercise 5 – Modifiers: Order of Adjectives

Are the sentences below correct? If they are not, make the necessary corrections.

1. It was a tropical, dark steamy night.
2. She handed the girl a MacIntosh round shiny apple.
3. The house was an haunted old creaky mansion.
4. For her birthday she received a silk evening beautiful gown.
5. It was a crisp winter sunny day.
6. The students in her class were Italian interesting hard-working teenagers.
7. Figure skating is a winter artistic individual sport.
8. Maria bought a antique Japanese lacquer table as a souvenir.
9. The child held a helium huge blue balloon.
10. The fireman wore a fire-proof well-used yellow uniform.

Write a sentence to describe each of the people or places listed below. Use at least two ADJECTIVES for the noun.

1. A sister, brother or friend

2. Your city or hometown

3. Your house

4. Your country
