

WORD ORDER OF THE ADJECTIVES

Every word that modifies a noun is an adjective.

Examples:

poor girl

expensive house

luxury car

Working as adjectives we have nouns and past participles of verbs.

Examples:

orange juice

plane ticket

broken leg

frozen fish

But when we want to form long sentences that combine more than two adjectives, we must follow an established order of adjectives.

1. Possessive adjectives (my, your, his, her, its, our, your, their) demonstratives adjectives (this, that, these, those)
2. Expression of quantity (some, several, little, a few, a lot of, many) articles (a, an, the)
3. Ordinal numbers (first, second, third, the first, the last)
4. Cardinal numbers (one, two, three, etc)
5. Intensifiers (if you want to emphasize the adjective we use very, fairly, quite, hardly, etc)
6. General adjectives
 - Size (small, big, large, tall, short, etc)
 - Weight (heavy, light)
 - Age (new, old, young)
 - Qualities (nice, beautiful, durable, resistant, etc)
 - Shape (round, square, rectangular, etc)
7. Colors (blue, yellow, black, etc)
8. Nationalities (Russian, American, Ecuadorian, French, Japanese, Chinese, etc.)
9. Nouns or verbs acting as adjectives
10. The noun

Examples:

My first two very fast black American motor bikes.
 1 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

That last very long class hour.
 1 3 5 6 9 10

Her five tall brothers.
 1 4 6 10

Sometimes when we have to use two adjectives in the same category we have to join them with a connector (and, but, etc).

Examples:

These heavy and square cement blocks.

Those red and blue ribbons.

My new soft and strong gloves.



Unscramble the words and put the adjectives, so that you can create logical sentences. Follow the examples:

Very-that-small-car-German-red-goes-fast

That very small red German car goes fast.

1. books - my - three- reading - first - were - funny.

2. rubber - very - this - resistant - gloves - Chinese - are - cheap.

3. coat - new - my - Russian - is - the - fur - closet - in.

4. tall - yellow - that - building - rectangular - is - for - sale.

5. beautiful - young - Swedish - a - woman - beauty - contest - won - the.

6. nice - those - shoes - Japanese - gray- very - comfortable - are.

7. polite - that - and - kind - very - gentleman - is - Italian - manager - the.

8. handkerchief - I - don't - this - Korean - expensive - very - want.

9. buy - car - very - don't - ugly - that.

10. I - buy - that - black - beautiful - want - to - leather - briefcase.

11. can't - stand - American - those - motorbikes - I - noisy.

12. television - should - broadcast - not - reports - long - news - boring - and.

13. friend - cook - knows - to - foreign - how - delicious - and - recipes - extravagant.

14. need - car - a - brand - Japanese - new - I.

15. round - light - brown - those - coffee - are - tables - broken

16. bill - two - this - dollar - souvenir - new - very - is - a.

17. very - American - will - that - large - powerful - rocket - and - put - the - astronauts - in - orbit.

18. toothbrushes - our - white - new - ready - to - are - used - are - be.

19. cup - a - tea - Chinese - drink - warm - of - I - want - to.

20. stop - don't - English - this - grammar - useful - book - studying - very.
