

# Adjectives - Word Order

## English Grammar



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.