

Goal: Order adjectives within a sentence according to conventional patterns.

Adjectives are words that describe nouns by qualifying them or giving us more information about them.

What if we want to use more than one adjective in a sentence? How do we decide which adjective comes first, second, third, and so on?

Examples:

- last row
- black kitten
- best friend
- huge pie

THE ORDER OF ADJECTIVES

Kinds of adjectives	What these adjectives do	Examples
1st Determiner	words that work as articles and other limiters including numbers	a, an, the, both, either, some, many, my, your, our, their, his, her, five, each, every, this, that
2nd Observation	adjectives that indicate an opinion regarding the noun	good, bad, real, fun, interesting, nice, mean, beautiful, ugly, delicious, strange, special
3rd Size and Shape	adjectives that describe a factual or objective quality of the noun	large, small, round, sharp, steady, fast, slow, triangular, long, short, loud, quiet, soft, hard
4th Age	adjectives that give information about the noun's age	old, young, new, ancient, antique, youthful, mature, modern, old-fashioned, recent
5th Color	adjectives that denote a noun's color	pale, bright, faded, shining, red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, pink, aquamarine
6th Origin	adjectives that describe a noun's point of origin (usually proper)	American, Mexican, Canadian, Greek, Swiss, French, Spanish, Victorian, Martian
7th Material	adjectives that explain what material the noun is made of	wooden, gold, silver, glass, cotton, plastic, ceramic, paper, earthen, metallic, stone
8th Qualifier	adjectives that function as part of the noun itself	space suit, rocking chair, sleeping bag, junk food, wishing well, swimming pool



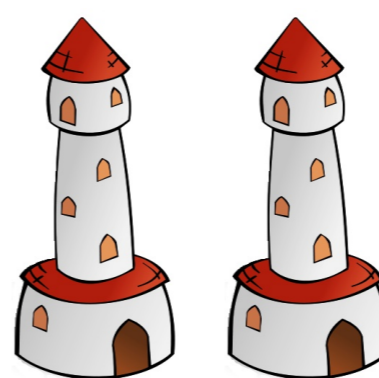
the Irish wool sweater

determiner origin material noun



that yellow caution sign

determiner color qualifier noun



two strange round towers

determiner observation shape noun



my fresh Georgia peach

determiner age origin noun

See how much you already know:

Which sounds better?

1. big red balloon **or** red big balloon
2. plastic blue square cup **or** square blue plastic cup
3. huge new swimming pool **or** new swimming huge pool
4. gold Egyptian ancient mask **or** ancient Egyptian gold mask