

ADJECTIVE ORDER

When more than one adjective is used to describe something, all the adjectives need to be placed in the correct order.

THIS IS THE CORRECT ORDER FOR ADJECTIVE PLACEMENT.



NUMBER (*five, several*)

OPINION (*lovely, useless*)

SIZE (*big, tiny*)

AGE (*mature, ancient*)

SHAPE (*square, oval*)

COLOR (*red, burgandy*)

ORIGIN (*American, English*)

MATERIAL (*wooden, cotton*)

PURPOSE (*typing, sun*)

EXAMPLES

- I love that **really old big green antique** car that always parked at the end of the street. [quality - age - size - color - proper adjective]
- My sister has a **big, beautiful, tan** and **white**, bulldog. [size - quality - color - color]
- A **wonderful old Italian** clock. [opinion - age - origin]
- A **big square blue** box. [dimension - shape - color]
- A **disgusting pink plastic** ornament. [opinion - color - material]
- Some **slim new French** trousers. [dimension - age - origin]
- A **wonderful old Italian** clock. [opinion - age - origin]
- I bought a pair of **black leather** shoes. [color - material]