

Chapter- 5

Order of adjectives

STUDY NOTES

AT A GLANCE

Adjectives are words that describe the color, number, size and quality of the nouns and pronouns they qualify. They are also used to compare two or more people, animals, places or things.

They live in a **beautiful** house.

She has a **cute** baby.

Ben is an **adorable** child.



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1. Read these sentences carefully and underline the adjectives.

- Five juicy yellow mangoes are kept on the table.
- That little cute bunny is my favourite toy.
- There is a big black dog on the porch.

- d. My dad gifted me a big brown teddy bear on my birthday.
- e. There is a small green parrot sitting on his shoulder.
- f. This is an old beautiful wooden armchair.
- g. It is an old nice building.
- h. Raghu is a nice and intelligent boy.
- i. She wore a lovely blue dress.

If adjectives of two or more categories are used in a sentence, they are written in the order given below.

1. Adjectives of number
2. Adjectives of size
3. Adjectives of age
4. Adjectives of shape or quality
5. Adjectives of colour
6. Adjectives of material

We played in the shallow blue river near my uncle's house.

Shallow – quality

Blue – colour

When there are two or more adjectives of the same group, a comma is used, and the word *and* is placed between the last two adjectives. A comma is never placed between an adjective and a noun.

2. Tick the correct arrangement of adjectives in the following sentences and add a comma and (and) where necessary.

- a. The large, old and steel cupboard belonged to my grandfather.
- b. Annabelle was a scary and ancient doll.
- c. The ice cream was creamy and mouth watering.
- d. Reshma has a huge, fierce and brown dog.
- e. Both Arnab and Rajesh got new and long paper notebook.
- f. It is a beautiful and red flower.
- g. Pooja's sister has thick, black and long hair.

3. Rewrite the sentences by arranging in the right order.

- a. All my books are in the new, brown cardboard box.
- b. Rohan bought five, new bright coloured sketchpens.
- c. Kaira wore a beautiful red dress.

- d. The huge, dark mountains looked scary from a distance.
- e. I bought a new, shiny mobile phone yesterday.
- f. I have two, green ink pens.
- g. My sister has a big, old, black cat as her pet.
- h. My father bought twelve, oval, sparkling, white eggs.
- i. Harish is covering himself with a big, warm, red, woollen blanket.
- j. Mother bought me a new, blue, denim jacket.

4. Correct the incorrect arrangement of adjectives.

- a. The big shaggy white dog visited the butcher's shop every day.
- b. There are many, big, leafy, green banana plants in our garden.
- c. The Indian flag is saffron, white, green.
- d. I saw six, tiny, brown monkeys climbing up on the roof of our house.
- e. A huge, white wave crashed upon the seashore.
- f. The taxis in Delhi used to be black, yellow before.
- g. The Thar Desert is dry and hot.
- h. The sun in the morning looks round, orange and calm.
- i. My grandmother drove an old, red, black Austin.
- j. Anu brought me a big, delicious, chocolate cake.



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