

# Order of adjectives:

In many languages, **adjectives** denoting attributes usually occur in a specific order. Generally, the adjective order in English is:

- 1) Quantity or number;
- 2) Quality or opinion;
- 3) Size;
- 4) Age;
- 5) Shape;
- 6) Color;
- 7) Proper adjective (often nationality, other place of origin, or material);
- 8) Purpose or qualifier.

## For example:

1. I love that **really big old green antique** car that always parked at the end of the street.
2. My sister adopted a **beautiful big white** bulldog.

***When there are two or more adjectives that are from the same group, the word and is placed between the two adjectives:***

1. The house is green **and** red.
2. The library has old **and** new books.

***When there are three or more adjectives from the same adjective group, place a comma between each of the coordinate adjectives:***

1. We live in the big **green, white and red** house at the end of the street.
2. My friend lost a **red, black and white** watch.

*A comma is not placed between an adjective and the noun.*

## More examples:

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