

ADJECTIVES (6)

The position of Adjectives (02)

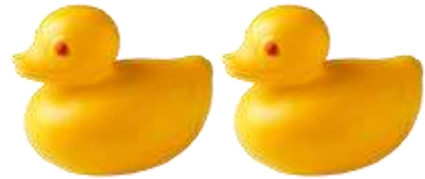
In context

2 min

Where should the adjective(s) be in a sentence?



The big brown box is here.



I bought *two yellow rubber* ducks.

The position of Adjectives

8 min

An adjective can be used before a noun.

Examples:

a *new* boat

a *big* house

It can be used after some verbs.

Examples:

It is *difficult*.

She looks *pretty*.

It can be used after an indefinite pronoun, like "something", "someone".

Examples:

I need to drink something *warm*.

She met someone *smart*.

It is possible to use several adjectives. In this case, the order is from general to specific:

Determiner	Opinion	Size	Shape	Age	Color	Origin	Material	NOUN
a	beautiful			old		Italian		clock
this		small	round					table
three	dirty						plastic	bottles
many					blue	European	silk	shirts

Writing Exercise

5 min

Build a phrase with the noun and the adjectives.

Example:

lamp: bright - tall - beautiful → a beautiful tall bright lamp

1. friend: dear - old - a:

2. days: long - two - crazy:

3. box: the - square - big - blue:

4. movie: new - boring - American:

5. pillow: rectangular - comfortable - white:

Writing Exercise

5 min

Put the words in the correct order.

1. rectangular / big / Oriental / want / I / carpet / a

2. she / her / bought / book / first / German

3. woman / young / the / blue / wearing / jeans / new / is

4. lady / looking / pretty / he / young / is / at / the / Asian

5. girl / the / small / five-year old / a / box / for / wooden / is / box / looking

Speaking Exercise with the Teacher

5 min

Describe these pictures using adjectives.



Speaking Exercise with the Teacher

5 min

Describe the objects around you with adjectives.

Example:

I am using a small new black computer.

Watch the Video!

5 min

With this conversation between 2 cartoon characters, you will practice the position of adjectives.

Watch the video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aXywtGDXJgQ&feature=related>

Watch it again and complete the conversation with the adjectives from the video:

You are a _____, _____ bear, with a _____
_____ patch around your eyes. We both are _____,
_____ bears, with _____ patches around our
eyes. You should stop repeating after me. Why don't you say _____,
_____ bears and _____, _____ patches? That is not
grammatical. The order of adjectives is size then color, and shape then color.

Quiz

10 min

True or False?

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| 1. An adjective can be used after some verbs. | true | false |
| 2. An adjective can be used after an indefinite pronoun. | true | false |
| 3. Adjectives are often positioned before nouns. | true | false |
| 4. In a list of adjectives, the one that expresses an opinion should be the closest to the noun. | true | false |

Complete the table with words from this list, to show the order of adjectives:

shape, color, opinion, material, size, origin

Determiner				Age				NOUN
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Choose the correct answer:

1. I began to look into this _____post-war subject. (fascinating / European)
2. I began to look into this post-war _____subject. (fascinating / European)
3. He bought a black_____ motorcycle. (small / Japanese)
4. He bought a _____ black motorcycle. (small /Japanese)