

ORDER OF ADJECTIVES

Sometimes we use **more than one** adjective in front of a noun:

He was a nice intelligent young man.

She had a small round black wooden box.

Opinion adjectives:

- Some adjectives give a **general opinion**. We can use these adjectives to describe almost any noun:

good	bad	lovely	strange
beautiful	nice	brilliant	excellent
awful	important	wonderful	nasty

- Some adjectives give a **specific opinion**. We only use these adjectives to describe particular kinds of noun:

Food: tasty; delicious

Furniture, buildings: comfortable; uncomfortable

People, animals: clever; intelligent; friendly

NOTE 1: We usually put a **general opinion in front of a specific opinion**:

Nice tasty soup.

A nasty uncomfortable armchair

A lovely intelligent animal

- Usually we put an adjective that gives an **opinion in front** of an adjective that is **descriptive**:

a nice red dress; a silly old man; those horrible yellow curtains

- We often have **two** adjectives in front of a noun:

a handsome young man; a big black car; that horrible big dog

- Sometimes we have **three** adjectives, but this is **unusual**:

a nice handsome young man;

a big black American car;

that horrible big fierce dog

- It is **very unusual** to have **more than three** adjectives.

- **Adjectives usually come in this order:**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
General opinion	Specific opinion	Size	Shape	Age	Colour	Nationality	Material