

Adjectives: word order (a **nice new** house) Adjectives after verbs (You **look tired**)

A Sometimes we use two or more adjectives together:

- My brother lives in a **nice new** house.
- In the kitchen there was a **beautiful large round wooden** table.

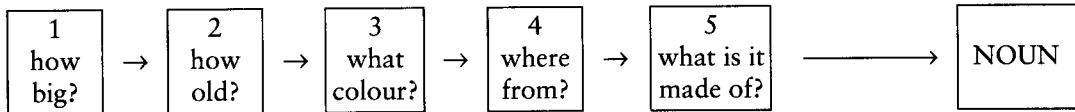
Adjectives like **new/large/round/wooden** are *fact* adjectives. They give us factual information about age, size, colour etc.

Adjectives like **nice/beautiful** are *opinion* adjectives. They tell us what somebody thinks of something or somebody.

Opinion adjectives usually go before *fact* adjectives.

	<i>opinion</i>	<i>fact</i>	
a	nice	long	summer holiday
an	interesting	young	man
	delicious	hot	vegetable soup
a	beautiful	large round wooden	table

B Sometimes we use two or more *fact* adjectives. Very often (but not always) we put *fact* adjectives in this order:



a **tall young** man (1 → 2)

big blue eyes (1 → 3)

a **small black plastic** bag (1 → 3 → 5)

a **large wooden** table (1 → 5)

an **old Russian** song (2 → 4)

an **old white cotton** shirt (2 → 3 → 5)

Adjectives of size and length (**big/small/tall/short/long** etc.) usually go before adjectives of shape and width (**round/fat/thin/slim/wide** etc.):

a **large round** table a **tall thin** girl a **long narrow** street

When there are two colour adjectives, we use **and**:

a **black and white** dress a **red, white and green** flag

but a **long black** dress (*not* 'a long and black dress')

C We say 'the **first two** days', 'the **next few** weeks', 'the **last ten** minutes' etc.:

- I didn't enjoy the **first two** days of the course. (*not* 'the two first days')
- They'll be away for the **next few** weeks. (*not* 'the few next weeks')

D We use adjectives after **be/get/become/seem**:

- **Be careful!**
- As the film went on, it **became** more and more **boring**.
- Your friend **seems** very **nice**.
- I'm **tired** and I'm **getting hungry**.

We also use adjectives to say how somebody/something looks, feels, sounds, tastes or smells:

- You **look** tired. / I **feel** tired. / She **sounds** tired.
- The dinner **smells good**.
- This tea **tastes** a bit **strange**.

But to say how somebody does something you must use an *adverb* (see Units 99–100):

- Drive **carefully!** (*not* 'Drive careful')
- Susan plays the piano very **well**. (*not* 'plays...very good')

EXERCISES

98.1 Put the adjectives in brackets in the correct position.

- 1 a beautiful table (wooden / round) ... a beautiful round wooden table
- 2 an unusual ring (gold)
- 3 a new pullover (nice)
- 4 a new pullover (green)
- 5 an old house (beautiful)
- 6 black gloves (leather)
- 7 an American film (old)
- 8 a long face (thin)
- 9 big clouds (black)
- 10 a sunny day (lovely)
- 11 a wide avenue (long)
- 12 a metal box (black / small)
- 13 a big cat (fat / black)
- 14 a little village (old / lovely)
- 15 long hair (black / beautiful)
- 16 an old painting (interesting / French)
- 17 an enormous umbrella (red / yellow)

98.2 Write the following in another way using the first... / the next... / the last... .

- 1 the first day and the second day of the course ... the first two days of the course
- 2 next week and the week after ... the next two weeks
- 3 yesterday and the day before yesterday
- 4 the first week and the second week of September
- 5 tomorrow and a few days after that
- 6 questions 1, 2 and 3 of the examination
- 7 next year and the year after
- 8 the last day of our holiday and the two days before that

98.3 Complete each sentence with a verb (in the correct form) and an adjective from the boxes.

feel	look	seem
smell	sound	taste

awful	fine	interesting
nice	upset	wet

- 1 Ann ... seemed upset ... this morning. Do you know what was wrong?
- 2 I can't eat this. I've just tried it and it
- 3 I wasn't very well yesterday but I today.
- 4 What beautiful flowers! They too.
- 5 You Have you been out in the rain?
- 6 Jim was telling me about his new job. It quite,
much better than his old job.

98.4 Choose the correct word.

- 1 This tea tastes a bit ... strange ... (strange/strangely)
- 2 I always feel when the sun is shining. (happy/happily)
- 3 The children were playing in the garden. (happy/happily)
- 4 The man became when the manager of the restaurant asked him to leave.
(violent/violently)
- 5 You look! Are you all right? (terrible/terribly)
- 6 There's no point in doing a job if you don't do it (proper/properly)

96.3

- 3 living
- 4 offering
- 5 called
- 6 blown
- 7 sitting ... reading
- 8 working ... studying

96.4

- 3 There's somebody coming.
- 4 There were a lot of people travelling.
- 5 There was nobody else staying there.
- 6 There was nothing written on it.
- 7 There's a course beginning next Monday.

UNIT 97**97.1**

- 2 a exhausting
b exhausted
- 3 a depressing
b depressed
c depressed
- 4 a exciting
b exciting
c excited

97.2

- 2 interested
- 3 exciting
- 4 embarrassing
- 5 embarrassed
- 6 amazed
- 7 astonishing
- 8 amused
- 9 terrifying ... shocked
- 10 bored ... boring
- 11 boring ... interesting

97.3

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| 2 bored | 8 interested |
| 3 confusing | 9 exhausted |
| 4 disgusting | 10 excited |
| 5 interested | 11 amusing |
| 6 annoyed | 12 interesting |
| 7 boring | |

UNIT 98**98.1**

- 2 an unusual gold ring
- 3 a nice new pullover
- 4 a new green pullover
- 5 a beautiful old house
- 6 black leather gloves
- 7 an old American film
- 8 a long thin face
- 9 big black clouds
- 10 a lovely sunny day
- 11 a long wide avenue

- 12 a small black metal box
- 13 a big fat black cat
- 14 a lovely little old village
- 15 beautiful long black hair
- 16 an interesting old French painting
- 17 an enormous red and yellow umbrella

98.2

- 3 the last two days
- 4 the first two weeks of September
- 5 the next few days
- 6 the first three questions (of the examination)
- 7 the next two years
- 8 the last three days of our holiday

98.3

- 2 tastes awful or tasted awful
- 3 feel fine
- 4 smell nice
- 5 look wet
- 6 sounds quite interesting or sounded quite interesting

98.4

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| 2 happy | 5 terrible |
| 3 happily | 6 properly |
| 4 violent | |

UNIT 99**99.1**

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| 2 badly | 5 unexpectedly |
| 3 easily | 6 regularly |
| 4 patiently | |

99.2

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| 3 selfishly | 8 badly |
| 4 terribly | 9 badly |
| 5 sudden | 10 safe |
| 6 colourfully | 11 angrily |
| 7 colourful | |

99.3

- 2 careful
- 3 continuously
- 4 happily
- 5 fluent
- 6 specially
- 7 complete
- 8 perfectly
- 9 nervous
- 10 financially / completely

99.4

- 2 seriously ill
- 3 absolutely enormous
- 4 slightly damaged
- 5 unusually quiet
- 6 completely changed
- 7 unnecessarily long
- 8 badly planned