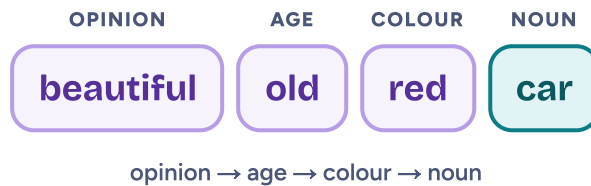


The Order of Adjectives

When you use several adjectives before a noun, they follow a fixed order: **opinion** → **size** → **age** → **shape** → **colour** → **origin** → **material** → **purpose** → **noun**: *a lovely little old car, a big black leather bag*. In practice, two or three adjectives are plenty.

She bought a **beautiful old red** car.



1. Choose the right answer Circle a or b.

- She has _____ eyes.
a) big blue b) blue big
- We stayed in _____ house.
a) a wooden old b) an old wooden
- He wore _____ suit.
a) an expensive grey b) a grey expensive
- I bought _____ table.
a) a round small b) a small round
- It's _____ restaurant.
a) a lovely little Italian b) an Italian little lovely

2. Correct the mistake

Each sentence has one mistake. Write the correct sentence.

1. a red big car

2. a leather black jacket

3. an Italian beautiful city

3. Your turn

Write three sentences of your own that use this rule. You can use these phrases.

a nice big...

a lovely little...

a long black...

an old wooden...

a small Italian...

See the rule move

The full lesson, with more pictures, examples and a quiz that checks your answers, is free at
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1. Choose the right answer

1. **a) big blue** Size before colour.
2. **b) an old wooden** Age before material.
3. **a) an expensive grey** Opinion before colour.
4. **b) a small round** Size before shape.
5. **a) a lovely little Italian** Opinion, then size, then origin.

2. Correct the mistake

1. **a big red car** Size comes before colour.
2. **a black leather jacket** Colour comes before material.
3. **a beautiful Italian city** Opinion comes before origin.

3. Your turn

Answers will vary. Check that each sentence follows the rule on page 1, or paste them into Clarigram to have them checked.