

Activity Type

Vocabulary and Grammar Exercises: rewriting sentences

Focus

Adjective order

Aim

To rewrite sentences, adding in adjectives in the correct order.

Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet for each student.

Level

Intermediate (B1)

Time

20 minutes

Introduction

This adjective order worksheet helps students to practice the order of adjectives.

Procedure

Give each student a copy of the worksheet.

Go through the introduction on the worksheet.

Then, review adjective order with the class by writing the following sentences on the board and having the students add in the adjectives in the correct order.

1. We took a ride on a bus. (Chinese, blue, old)
2. My brother rode a horse in the parade. (big, black, beautiful)

Answer key

1. We took a ride on an old, blue, Chinese bus.
2. My brother rode a beautiful, big, black horse in the parade.

Students then use the chart on the worksheet to help them rewrite the 10 sentences with the adjectives in brackets in the correct order.

Finally, check the correct answers with the class.

Answer key

1. a small, brown, paper bag
2. a new, horror film
3. a sexy, short, red dress
4. a long, narrow street
5. a slow, love song
6. a delicious, hot meal
7. with long, straight, blonde hair
8. a new, German, sports car
9. a big, black, scary dog
10. a lovely, bright, sunny day

When you describe a noun with more than one adjective, you must place the adjectives in a certain order. The correct adjective order is as follows:

Quantity or number	Quality or opinion	Size	Age	Shape	Colour	Origin	Material	Purpose or qualifier	Noun
	crazy		old			English			woman
				round	white		china		plate
two		big						carving	knives

Rewrite the sentences with the adjectives in brackets in the correct order.

Example: He wore a shirt. (blue, denim, fashionable)

..... *He wore a fashionable, blue, denim shirt.*

1. The shop assistant put the gift in a bag. (brown, small, paper)

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2. They're showing a film at the cinema tonight. Do you want to go with me? (horror, new)

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3. I'm going to a party tonight. I bought a dress to wear. (sexy, red, short)

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4. The man ran down a street to the police station. (narrow, long)

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5. Paul sang a song to his girlfriend. (love, slow)

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6. It was so nice to come in from the cold and have a meal. (hot, delicious)

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7. She was a beautiful woman with hair. (blonde, straight, long,)

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8. I have just bought a car. (sports, German, new)

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9. Watch out! There is a dog over there. (black, scary, big)

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10. Do you want to play badminton? It's a sunny day outside. (lovely, bright)

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