

### **MINI-LESSON 23: ADJECTIVES & WORD ORDER**

## What Are Adjectives?

Adjectives are words that describe nouns. They tell us what kind, how many, or which one.



- a red car
- three big apples
- a beautiful house

## Word Order with Adjectives

In English, adjectives usually come before the noun.

Basic Order (when using more than one adjective):

- 1. Quantity
- 2. Opinion
- 3. Size
- 4. Age
- 5. Shape
- 6. Color
- 7. Origin
- 8. Material
- 9. Purpose
- 10. Noun



a **small round wooden** table some **beautiful old Italian** paintings





### A. Choose the correct adjective order.

- 1. She has a (red / beautiful / silk) dress.
  - a) beautiful red silk
  - b) silk beautiful red
  - c) red silk beautiful
- 2. It's a (French / small / round) table.
  - a) small round French
  - b) French round small
  - c) round small French
- 3. He bought a (plastic / ugly / green) toy.
  - a) green ugly plastic
  - b) ugly green plastic
  - c) plastic ugly green
- 4. They live in a (old / large / stone) house.
  - a) large old stone
  - b) old large stone
  - c) stone large old
- 5. I saw a (metal / strange / black) object.
  - a) black metal strange
  - b) strange black metal
  - c) metal strange black
- 6. She owns a (vintage / German / fast) car.
  - a) fast vintage German
  - b) German fast vintage
  - c) vintage fast German



# B. Rewrite the sentences in the correct order. 1. I bought a brown big leather bag. 2. He found a glass tiny broken bottle. 3. We adopted a playful black small cat. 4. She drew a **round yellow funny** face. 5. They watched a **long boring old** movie. 6. He ordered a delicious hot Italian pizza. C. Match the adjectives to the correct category. Match each adjective to its category: (size, age, color, material, origin, opinion) **Adjective** Category 1. soft 2. red 3. Chinese

4. new

6. tiny

5. cotton



## Answer Key

### A. Correct adjective order

- 1. a) beautiful red silk
- 2. a) small round French
- 3. b) ugly green plastic
- 4. a) large old stone
- 5. b) strange black metal
- 6. c) vintage fast German

#### **B.** Rewritten sentences

- 1. I bought a big brown leather bag.
- 2. He found a **tiny broken glass** bottle.
- 3. We adopted a small playful black cat.
- 4. She drew a **funny round yellow** face.
- 5. They watched a **boring long old** movie.
- 6. He ordered a hot delicious Italian pizza.

### C. Adjective categories

- 1. soft → opinion
- 2. red → color
- 3. Chinese → origin
- 4. new → age
- 5. cotton → material
- 6. tiny → size