

UNIT 91

Adjectives: Word order ("a nice new house") After verbs ("Do you feel tired?")

a Sometimes we use two or more adjectives together:

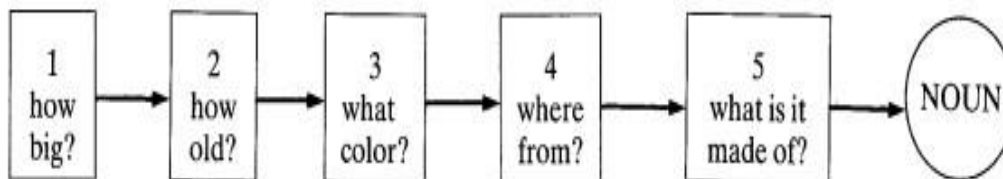
- Tom lives in a **nice new** house.
- In the kitchen there was a **beautiful large round wooden** table.

Adjectives like **new/large/round/wooden** are *fact* adjectives. They give us objective information about something (age, size, color, etc.). Adjectives like **nice/beautiful** are *opinion* adjectives. They tell us what someone thinks of something.

Opinion adjectives usually go before *fact* adjectives:

	<i>opinion</i>	<i>fact</i>	
a	nice	sunny	day
	delicious	hot	soup
an	intelligent	young	man
a	beautiful	large round wooden	table

b Sometimes there are 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** woman

a **long narrow** street

C We also use adjectives after some verbs, especially **be/get/become**:

Are you tired? Be careful! I'm getting hungry.

We also use adjectives after: **feel smell taste sound seem look**:

- Do you **feel tired**?
- Dinner **smells good**.
- This coffee **tastes strong**.
- Tom **sounded angry** when I spoke to him on the phone.
- Your friend **seems very nice**.

91.1 Put the adjectives in parentheses (. . .) in the correct position.

Example: a beautiful table (wooden round) *A beautiful round wooden table*.....

1. an unusual ring (gold)
2. an old lady (nice)
3. a good-looking man (young)
4. a modern house (attractive)
5. black gloves (leather)
6. an American movie (old)
7. a large nose (red)
8. a sunny day (lovely)
9. a hot bath (nice)
10. an ugly dress (orange)
11. a red car (old/little)
12. a metal box (black/small)
13. a long face (thin)
14. a wide avenue (long)
15. a big cat (fat/black)
16. a little village (old/lovely)
17. long hair (blonde/beautiful)
18. an old painting (interesting/French)

91.2 Complete each sentence with a verb and an adjective from the box.

feel	look	seemed	awful	fine	interesting
smell	sounded	tastes	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. Jim told me about his new job last night. It very,
much better than his old job.
4. I wasn't very well yesterday, but I today.
5. What beautiful flowers! They too.
6. You Have you been out in the rain?

Activity: Choose the right adjective

- 1- The film we saw yesterday was very(bored/boring)
- 2- The sequel however was very(entertained/entertaining)
- 3- We weren't at all(bored/boring)
- 4- We were(interested/interesting) from beginning to end.
- 5- I always go to the cinema when I feel a bit(depressed/ depressing)