

## Order of Adjectives

- ★ **Opinion** adjectives (*beautiful, interesting, etc.*) go before **fact** adjectives (*dark, ancient, wooden, etc.*). *This is an **eye-catching marble** sculpture.*
- ★ When there are two or more adjectives of the same category, **the more general** adjective goes **before the more specific** one, e.g, *an **attractive, thought-provoking** painting.*
- ★ When there are two or more fact adjectives in a sentence they normally go in the following order:

	Opinion	Fact Adjectives							Noun
		Size	Age	Shape	Colour	Origin	Material	Used for/ Be about	
<i>It's a</i>	<i>nice</i>	<i>small</i>	<i>old</i>	<i>square</i>	<i>white</i>	<i>Italian</i>	<i>wooden</i>	<i>dinner</i>	<i>table.</i>

- ★ **Nouns** which express **purpose, material** or **substance** (*work, bronze, gold, etc.*) can be used **as adjectives** before the nouns, e. g.: *This is a **decorative porcelain** cup.*

## Reference

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