

Vocabulary: Adjective word order

Student's book: pg. 21 – Help with vocabulary, exercises: 7a, 8, 9

Workbook: pg. 11 – exercises: 1,2,3

I. Adjective word order:

| I | II | III | IV | V | VI | VII |
|---------------|---------|--------------|-------|---------|----------|-----------|
| Opinion | Size | Age | Color | Origin | Material | Noun |
| Beautiful | | | White | | Sandy | Beaches |
| Stark | | Modern | | | Log | Cabins |
| | Massive | 100-year-old | | | | Tortoises |
| Charming | | | | Rustic | | Cottages |
| Breath-taking | High | | | | | Peaks |
| Delicious | | | | Thai | | Curries |
| Extravagant | | | White | | | Buildings |
| Picture-book | | Medieval | | Italian | | Villages |

As it can be seen from the table, when we want to use more than one adjective to describe or modify something we have to pay attention to the word order. Word order is very important in English and in other languages. Adjective word order goes as follows: **Opinion, size, age, color, origin, material** and in the end we add the noun that we were modifying or describing.

To separate these adjectives in order to sound better we add **with, and, in** or we add a relative clause (which). When we have compound nouns we do not separate them, instead we add the adjectives in front of it.

Also worth noting is the fact that if you want to use a number to specify the quantity of something the word order goes as follows: **Number (quantity), opinion, size, age, color, origin, material** and then **noun**.

*Please pay attention to the examples on the next page:

(2B) Adjective word order and (2C) Spoilt for Choices (text)

1. Lydia bought two **beautiful black satin** dresses. (opinion, color, material)
2. Charles baked a **delicious cherry** cake. (opinion, material)
3. They sold the **ugly old green** bookshelf. (opinion, age, color)
4. Can you please pass me that **ancient white Greek** statue? (age, color, origin)
5. It's incredibly **beautiful and hypnotic, with lush** vegetation, **white** beaches and vividly green countryside. (an example with the use of and, with)

II. Adjective word order – Exercises

a) Put the words in the right order to form the correct sentences.

1. He wear likes ugly to hats round
2. We great movie saw a other new the day.
3. watch. pretty Arthur me gave a pink
4. The red lives the young fox in forest.
5. The were and beautiful mountains massive, with a view. breath-taking

b) Circle the correct answer.

- 1) a(n) _____ lady
 - a) American old rich
 - b) old rich American
 - c) rich old American
- 2) a _____ spoon
 - a) brown soup wooden
 - b) brown wooden soup
 - c) wooden brown soup
- 3) a(n) _____ dress
 - a) expensive pink summer

(2B) Adjective word order and (2C) Spoilt for Choices (text)

- b) summer expensive pink
 - c) pink expensive summer
- 4) a(n) _____ book
- a) boring old science
 - b) old boring science
 - c) boring science old
- 5) a _____ scarf
- a) Chinese pretty silk
 - b) pretty silk Chinese
 - c) pretty Chinese silk

2C Spoilt for Choices

Student's Book: Text, pg. 22,23; exercise 3

Workbook: pg. 13, exercise 1, 2 (fill in the gaps, text) and 3.

Vocabulary

I. Read the text and find the missing words.

1. _____ - a large and impressive house that is occupied or was formerly occupied by an aristocratic family.
2. _____ – (make an appeal) a serious, urgent or heartfelt request; (law) an application to a higher court for a decision to be reversed;
3. _____ – (adj) attractive or interesting
4. Heartfelt _____ – sincere; deeply and strongly felt (of an expression or tone of voice) showing that one wants help or sympathy
5. _____ – (adj) (of ground or terrain) having a broken, rocky and uneven surface; (of clothing, equipment, etc.) strongly made and capable of withstanding rough handling.
6. _____ – (adj) attractively unusual or old-fashioned.

(2B) Adjective word order and (2C) Spoilt for Choices (text)

7. _____ – (adj) nothing other than; pure; genuine; see-through (of a cliff or wall) vertical; (adv) completely; entirely; totally; vertically
8. _____ – (adv) very well; excellently.
9. _____ – (adj) outstanding; remarkable; extraordinary; nifty
10. Nifty _____ – (adj) particularly good, skilful, or effective.
11. _____ – (adj) full of energy and life; lively; (of colour) bright and striking; (of sound) strong or resonating.
12. _____ – (v) move in an energetic and noisy manner.
13. _____ – (n) excited activity and movement; hastiness
14. _____ – (adj) (of a place) full of activity.
15. _____ – (v) (of a river or road) follow a winding course.
16. _____ – (n) a winding curve or bend of a river or road.
17. _____ – (adj) winding; weaving; zigzagging.

Answers:

2B Adjective word order

II. a)

1. He likes to wear ugly round hats.
2. We saw a great new movie the other day.
3. Arthur gave me a pretty pink watch.
4. The young red fox lives in the forest.
5. The mountains were breath-taking and massive, with a beautiful view.

b) 1. C, 2. B, 3. A, 4. A, 5. C.

2C Spoilt for Choices

Vocabulary

1. Stately home
2. An appeal (n) and to appeal (v)
3. Appealing

(2B) Adjective word order and (2C) Spoilt for Choices (text)

4. Rugged
5. Quaint
6. Sheer
7. Superbly
8. Superb
9. Nifty
10. Vibrant
11. To bustle
12. Bustle
13. Bustling
14. To meander
15. Meander
16. Meandering