Order of Adjectives

• In English, it is common to use more than one adjective to describe a noun. These adjectives must be used in the proper order.

Example: Here is a beautiful, red, cloth flag.

Why does beautiful come before red?
Why does red come before cloth?

• Understanding the proper order of adjectives takes practice. Use the following table to practice using the proper order of adjectives in the following sentences.

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Directions: Choose the correct order of adjectives in the following sentences.

1) The woman is wearing a ________ dress.
   A) yellow long
   B) long yellow

2) He is a ________ man.
   A) tall thin
   B) thin tall

3) The company makes ________ products.
   A) excellent farming
   B) farming excellent

4) James recently departed on a ________ trip.
   A) camping long
   B) long camping

5) I love eating ________ strawberries.
   A) red big
   B) big red

6) The ________ woman did well on the test.
   A) intelligent young
   B) young intelligent

7) The ticket costs ________ dollars.
   A) ten US
   B) US ten

8) The scientists have found a ________ cure for the disease.
   A) new great
   B) great new

9) I am going to wear my ________ tie to the wedding.
   A) big cotton blue
   B) blue big cotton
   C) big blue cotton

10) Please recycle those ________ bottles.
    A) three water empty
    B) three empty water
    C) water empty three

11) She packed her clothes in a ________ box.
    A) green flimsy cardboard
    B) flimsy green cardboard
    C) cardboard flimsy green

12) Their dog is a ________ shepherd.
    A) brown big German
    B) big brown German
    C) German big brown

13) I am drinking from a ________ cup.
    A) small English tea
    B) tea small English
    C) English small tea

14) My ________ teacher talks for hours!
    A) philosophy old boring
    B) old philosophy boring
    C) boring philosophy old
    D) boring old philosophy

Directions: Now write two of your own sentences using more than one adjective to describe a noun.

1) ________________________________
2) ________________________________