

## Order of Adjectives

- When there are two or more adjectives, they normally go in the following order:

	Opinion adjectives	Fact Adjectives							
		size	age	shape	colour	origin	material	used for/ be about	noun
It's a	beautiful	big	old	round	brown	Italian	oak	dining	table.

- Afraid, alike, alive, alone, ashamed, asleep, content, ill, glad etc are never followed by a noun.  
*The baby is asleep. (NOT: ~~the asleep baby~~)*
- Nouns of **material**, **purpose** or **substance** can be used as adjectives. a cotton skirt, a winter dress, a shopping bag. However, certain adjectives derived from such nouns are used metaphorically. **silky hair** (hair like silk) **BUT a silk scarf** (a scarf made of silk), **a stony expression** (cold expression) **BUT a stone cottage** (a cottage made of stone), **golden hair** (hair like gold) **BUT a gold pen** (a pen made of gold), **feathery leaves** (leaves which look like feathers) **BUT a feather duster** (a duster made of feathers), **metallic colour** (colour that looks like metal) **BUT a metal chair** (a chair made of metal), **leathery skin** (skin looking/feeling like leather) **BUT a leather wallet** (a wallet made of leather), **a leaden feeling** (an unpleasant feeling) **BUT lead pipes** (pipes made of lead), a **steely look** (a strong, determined look) **BUT steel framework** (framework made of steel)

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Rewrite the sentences putting the adjectives into the correct place. Identify what kind of adjectives they are.

- He was carrying a briefcase. (leather, nice, black, new)  
...*He was carrying a nice new black leather briefcase. (opinion/age/colour/material)...*
- He gave her a scarf. (silk, fantastic, French, red) .....
- I bought chairs from an antique shop. (American, three, oak, old) .....
- She is an actress. (English, intelligent, young, dramatic) .....
- The table lamp was broken by the children. (metal, white, small) .....
- She bought a carpet. (expensive, Persian, antique, woollen) .....
- He crashed his car yesterday. (sports, brand new, yellow) .....
- It was a dress. (hand-made, gorgeous, wedding, lace) .....
- I saw a film on TV last night. (Italian, exciting, detective) .....
- They live in a house. (big, lovely, country, old-fashioned, brick) .....
- She is a salesperson. (young, computer, successful) .....
- I bought a book. (old, poetry, Latin) .....
- We watched a programme. (short, English, interesting, educational) .....
- She bought a raincoat. (plastic, long, cheap) .....
- They found a trunk. (wooden, rectangular, antique, interesting) .....
- He bought a yacht. (Swedish, second-hand, huge) .....

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Underline the correct adjective.

- She gave him a **stone/stony** look when he criticised her daughter.
- These **metal/metallic** chairs are suitable for outdoor use as they are weatherproof.
- The sky was full of light **feather/feathery** clouds.
- She is admired for her **gold/golden** hair and **meta/metallic** blue eyes.
- The old farmer had dark **leather/leathery** skin.
- This new body milk gives you smooth, **silk/silky** skin in a matter of days.
- She had a **lead/leaden** expression on her face.
- The **gold/golden** candlesticks were very expensive so we bought some **silver/silvery** ones instead.
- He wears **woolly/woollen** suits and expensive **leather/leathery** shoes.
- She has a **steel/steely** manner towards her colleagues.