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UNIT 95 Adjectives: word order ('a nice new house') Adjectives after verbs ('Do you feel tired?')

a) Sometimes we use two or more adjectives together:

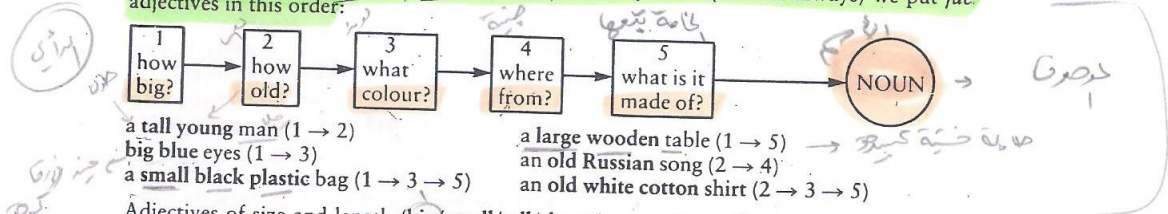
- Tom lives in a **nice new** house.
- In the kitchen there was a **beautiful large round wooden** table.

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

Opinion adjectives usually go before *fact* adjectives:

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| (الرأي) opinion | fact → حقائق | | |
| 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:



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 girl
- 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?
- The dinner **smells** good.
- Tom **sounded** angry when I spoke to him on the phone.
- This tea **tastes** a bit strange.
- Your friend **seems** very nice.

But after other verbs you must use an *adverb* (see also Units 96 and 97):

- **Drive carefully!** (*not* 'drive careful')
- Susan **plays** the piano very well. (*not* 'plays ... very good')
- Tom **shouted** at me angrily. (*not* 'shouted ... angry')

Look We use an adjective after **look** when it means **seem**:

- Tom **looked** sad when I saw him.

But after **look at** we use an *adverb*:

- Tom **looked at** me sadly. (*not* 'looked at me sad')

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JNIT 95 Exercises

15.1 Put the adjectives in brackets 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) → a nice old lady
 3 a good-looking man (young) → a good-looking young man
 4 a modern house (attractive) →
 5 black gloves (leather) →
 6 an American film (old) → an old
 7 a large nose (red) → a large red nose
 8 a sunny day (lovely) →
 9 a hot bath (nice) → a nice
 10 an ugly dress (orange) →
 11 a red car (old / little) → an old little red car
 12 a metal box (black / small) → a small black metal box
 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 (fair / beautiful) →
 18 an old painting (interesting / French) →

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

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|-------|---------|-------------------|-------|------------------|-------------|
| 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 tastes awful.
- 3 Jim told me about his new job last night. It sounded quite interesting, much better than his old job. (last → ed)
- 4 I wasn't very well yesterday but I feel fine today.
- 5 What beautiful flowers! They look nice too.
- 6 You look wet. Have you been out in the rain? quiet →

15.3 Choose the right word, adjective or adverb.

Examples: The dinner smells good/well. Drive careful/carefully!

- 1 Please shut the door quiet/quietly.
- 2 Can you be quiet/quietly, please?
- 3 This soup tastes nice/nicely. → look - ...
- 4 Tom cooks very good/well.
- 5 Don't go up that ladder. It doesn't look safe/safely.
- 6 We were relieved that he arrived safe/safely after his long journey.
- 7 Do you feel nervous/nervously before examinations?
- 8 Hurry up! You're always so slow/slowly. ae → slow
- 9 He looked at me angry/angrily when I interrupted him.