



Word order of adjectives (2)

Some of these categories are reversed at times, particularly the following:

6 and 7 for emphasis on 6. In this case, the comma must always be used:

A little, intelligent man (7,6)

10 and 13 in a phrase like:

Yugoslavian white wine (13,10)

Here **white** is used to describe a type, in contrast to **red**, rather than as an indication of colour.

Put the adjectives in brackets in what seems to you the most normal position and order in the sentences, and then compare your decision with the guidelines above.

- 1 She had a dress on. (bright, green)
- 2 A girl opened the door. (little, pretty)
- 3 She lives in a (an) house. (country, lovely, old)
- 4 He seems a (an) man. (intelligent, young)
- 5 Have you done the questions yet? (first, four)
- 6 A dog stood watching us. (big, black, great)
- 7 For his birthday, I bought him a chess set, with chessmen.
(Indian, lovely) (ivory, carved)
- 8 His portrait didn't flatter him. The artist gave him a face and
lips. (lined, long) (red, thick)
- 9 He's bought a car. (German, new, sports, yellow)
- 10 The game is played with a set of balls and a ball that you
have to aim at (grooved, metal, round, three) (little,
wooden)