Adjectives

Let’s talk about adjectives!

Adjectives describe people, things or ideas informing us about some special quality they possess.

e.g. What a brilliant idea!

Adetokundo is a tall man. His siblings are tall, too.

The journey was tiring.

My job is demanding but interesting.

Jane is an old friend.

My grandma is so old.

What happens when I want to use two or more adjectives in the same sentence? Then I have to pay special attention to Adjective Word Order.

Adjectives indicating general quality precede adjectives indicating specific quality.

The order may be as follows:

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| General opinion | size | age | shape | colour | participle | origin | material | noun |

e.g. Sheila found a wonderful, old, red dress in her mum’s closet yesterday.

This is a new, handmade, Greek pair of shoes.

Can you make sentences using the following adjectives?

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| Adjectives  General opinion  | colour | material | item |
| lovelybeautifulcutesmartelegantshort/long/tight/loose/baggy | pale greenpinkdark/navybluepastelpurpleblack andwhite | cottonwoolenleatherdenimlinensilknylon/polyester | sweaterskirttrack suitjeans/pants/trousersT-shirtdressjacket |

*She's wearing a cute, pink, woolen sweater.* *It suits her!*

*He's wearing smart, dark blue, denim jeans.* ***They match****his T-shirt.*