ADJECTIVE WORD ORDER
PART 2

(a) a large black car
(b) INCORRECT: a black large car

In (a): two adjectives (large and black) describe a noun (car). Adjectives follow a certain order. In (a), an adjective describing size (large) comes before color (black).

(c) a beautiful young girl
(d) a beautiful blue car
(e) a beautiful Greek island

The adjective beautiful expresses an opinion. Opinion adjectives usually come before all other adjectives.
In (c): opinion precedes age.
In (d): opinion precedes color.
In (e): opinion precedes nationality (origin).

(f) OPINION ADJECTIVES
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difficult               good            interesting
dirty                    happy          strong
expensive          honest

There are many opinion adjectives. The words (f) are examples of common opinion adjectives.

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USUAL ADJECTIVE WORD ORDER

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(g) some delicious Chinese food
(h) a small glass vase
(i) a kind old Italian man

A noun is usually modified by only one or two adjectives, though sometimes there are three.

(j) RARE:
a beautiful small old brown Greek metal coin

It is very rare to find a long list of adjectives in front of a noun.

**NOTE: Adjectives that describe origin (or nationality) are capitalized: Korean, Ecuadorian, Arabian, etc.

Directions: Put the italicized words in the correct order.

1. glass
   tall
   a ___________________________________________________ vase

2. delicious
   Indian
   some _______________________________________________ food
3. red
   some _______________________________ tomatoes
   big

4. old
   some _______________________________ cows.
   big
   black and white

5. narrow
   a _________________________________ road
   dirt

6. young
   a _________________________________ man
   serious

7. long
   _________________________________ hair
   black
   beautiful

8. Japanese
   a / an ______________________________ work of art
   famous
   old

9. leather
   a _________________________________ belt
   black
   thin

10. wonderful
    a / an ____________________________ story
    old
    Native American