

# DESCRIPTIONS

Note: This diagram shows the usual order of adjectives. You won't often find them all in one sentence.

How much/ many?	What's it like?	How big is it?	What shape is it?	How old is it?	What color is it?	What's the pattern on it?	Where's it from?	What's it made of?	What is it?
a/an	beautiful	little	square	old	pale red	check	French	plastic	scarf
one	nice	small	round	new	light yellow	striped	English	cotton	shirt
three	ugly	medium-sized	oval	modern	bright green	plain	Japanese	wood(en)	chair
some	clean	average-sized	rectangular	antique	dark blue	flowered	Mexican	leather	car
a few	dirty	large	pointed	19th century	pink	polka-dot	Italian	gold	house
several	cheap	big	triangular	1930s	black		American	metal	box
a lot of	expensive	long	flat	1982	white		Chinese	paper	

Your own opinion	Size/ weight	Age	Shape	Colour	Country of origin	Material	NOUN
	<i>small</i>			<i>blue</i>	<i>German</i>		<i>hair-dryer</i>
<i>beautiful</i>		<i>old</i>		<i>green</i>		<i>glass</i>	<i>bottle</i>
	<i>enormous</i>		<i>round</i>	<i>red</i>	<i>Dutch</i>		<i>cheese</i>
<i>mysterious</i>	<i>large</i>			<i>brown</i>		<i>paper</i>	<i>parcel</i>

## WRITING

### Informal letter 1

A Look at the following types of adjective. Think of at least five more adjectives for each type except Age.

Age	young, old, ...
Colour	blue, light green, ...
Country of origin	Japanese, Greek, ...
Shape	oval, rectangular, ...
Material	cast-iron, wooden, ...
Size/weight	large, heavy, ...

B Use the table above to put the adjectives into the correct order.

Example: a hair-dryer German blue small

➤ *a small blue German hair-dryer*

- 1 a leather flat black small wallet
- 2 a Japanese fountain-pen beautiful red
- 3 an Pakistani writing-desk mahogany old
- 4 a china white round table-lamp

C What do you think it is?

Example: It's small and round, made of china and you drink out of it.

➤ *a cup*

In pairs, without naming the item, describe as fully as you can

- 1 an article of clothing someone is wearing
- 2 an object in the room

See if your partner can guess what it is.

E Complete the following letter by filling in the spaces with adjectives. Describe EITHER a very enjoyable holiday OR a terrible holiday.

This is just a quick note to tell you how the holiday is going. We're staying in a \_\_\_\_\_ hotel in a \_\_\_\_\_ part of town, so you can imagine how we feel. As you know, this is a \_\_\_\_\_ city, and the people are very \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. We have had some \_\_\_\_\_ weather since we got here, so we are feeling very \_\_\_\_\_. We have seen some of the \_\_\_\_\_ sights and a few \_\_\_\_\_ museums, and we thought they were very \_\_\_\_\_. Yesterday we decided to go for a swim, and we went to a \_\_\_\_\_ beach where the water was \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Last night we had a \_\_\_\_\_ meal in a \_\_\_\_\_ restaurant. It was quite an experience. We were served by a \_\_\_\_\_ waiter, and the food and the service were \_\_\_\_\_. When the bill came, we could hardly believe it, as it was so \_\_\_\_\_.

Anyway, I'd better stop and catch the post, but I'll write again soon.

Lots of love, Marianne

D Which adjectives would you use to describe these things? Use at least three and no more than four.

