

Course: English composition 1

Course code: ENGL 101

Topic: Descriptive paragraph

Skill: Grammar (subject and order of adjectives)

Subject Verb Agreement

A singular subject (she, Bill, car) takes a singular verb (is, goes, shines), whereas a plural subject takes a plural verb.

Example:

The list of items is/are on the desk.

Order of adjectives

In many languages, adjectives denoting attributes usually occur in a specific order.

Generally, the adjective order in English is:

1. Quantity or number
2. Quality or opinion
3. Size
4. Age
5. Shape
6. Color
7. Proper adjective (often nationality, other place of origin, or material)
8. Purpose or qualifier



He is a red big strong man
WRONG



A big red strong man
CORRECT

Example:

1. I love that **big old green antique** car that always parked at the end of the
2. My sister adopted a **beautiful big white** bulldog.

When there are two or more adjectives that are from the same group, the word **and** is placed between the two adjectives:

1. The house **is green and red**.
2. The library has **old and new** books.

When there are three or more adjectives from the same adjective group, place a comma between each of the coordinate adjectives:

1. We live in the **big green, white and red** house at the end of the street.
2. My friend lost a **red, black and white** watch.

References:

<http://www.gingersoftware.com/content/grammar-rules/adjectives/order-of-adjectives/>

Web Resources:

Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cZvzVTY4SQI>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xr127P42FE>

Quizzes:

http://www.learnenglishfeelgood.com/esl_adjectiveorder1.html#

http://www.softschools.com/quizzes/grammar/subject_verb_agreement/quiz2181.html

https://www.quia.com/quiz/281290.html?AP_rand=1483887151

<http://www.eslcafe.com/quiz/sva1.html>

Games:

<https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/en/grammar-games/adjectives>

<http://gotkidsgames.com/sv/sv.html>