Unit 8b: Adjective Order
one and ones
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Adjectives describe a noun

- My jacket is nice.
- I have a nice jacket.
- Those students are intelligent.
- Those are intelligent students.

Two forms of describing nouns
Order of adjectives.

Sometimes several adjectives are used to describe a single noun or pronoun.

Then the usual order is:

opinion, size, shape or quality, color, nationality, material.
Remember

Adjectives are never pluralized.

I have a very nice house. My cousins have very nice houses.

Your sister is pretty. Your aunts are pretty.

When specifying the kind of noun, the adjective is written before it.

There is a beautiful girl standing at your door.

There are some delicious apples in the basket.
Even when there is no need to use all the kinds of adjectives at ones, we must follow the specific order.

- a small green plastic box  
  (size + color + material)
- a nice stylish red Italian car  
  (opinion + quality + color + nationality)
- a tall white stone building  
  (size + color + material)
- a colorful cotton shirt  
  (quality + material)
- a long Chinese silk robe  
  (size + nationality)
- delicious Spanish food  
  (opinion + nationality)

Therefore
Adjectives of quality sometimes come before adjectives of size.

For example:
She has beautiful long hair    They have elegant short hair
But adjectives of size always come before adjectives of color.

For example:
I like beautiful long black hair    We use elegant short red hair
If you use any adjective referring to material, it comes after the color adjective.

For example:
My mother is wearing a beautiful long black silk dress
ONE or ONES

When we mention the same noun time after time, it is better to substitute it for

I have a computer, the computer is nice. The nice computer is big too. The nice big computer is a LENOVO.

I have a computer, the one is nice. The nice one is big too. The nice big one is a LENOVO.
We avoid using the same word every time

My father has rented some cars for a trip.
Those **cars** are big. Those big **cars** are red.
The big red **cars** are almost new.

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Those **ones** are big. Those big **ones** are red.
The big red **ones** are almost new.
When we ask questions

There are 2 books here. Which one is yours?
   The blue one is mine, the other one is Julissa’s.

Those are too many bags to carry. Which ones will you take with you?
   Definitely, I’ll take the white ones, those are heavy and you can’t take heavy load with you.

Which one is your house?
   My house is the one on the left, the ones to your right are my cousins’ houses.
Thank you