

A rustic wooden sign with the word 'WELCOME' in white, block letters is mounted on a teal-painted wooden plank wall. The sign is made of a single piece of weathered wood with rough, splintered edges. It is held in place by two small wooden pegs. Above the sign, a thin wooden branch is tied in a V-shape, with a vibrant red rose and green leaves tucked into the right side. The teal background has a distressed, peeling paint texture.

WELCOME



# Reading 2

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# 1. Tài liệu chính:

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### **Tài liệu tham khảo:**

[6] Website for PET practice tests:

- a. <http://www.flo-joe.co.uk/pet/students/tests/>
- b. [http://www.examenglish.com/PET/pet\\_listening.html](http://www.examenglish.com/PET/pet_listening.html).
- c. <http://www.englishclub.com>
- d. <http://www.bbc.co.uk>
- e. <http://www.voanews>

1. Self – study(the first 04 sessions)
2. Google meeting(the last 04 sessions)



# Đánh giá kết quả học tập

**Final Test**

**TỰ LUẬN** (Ngày 11/03)

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# Lesson 4: Descriptive paragraph



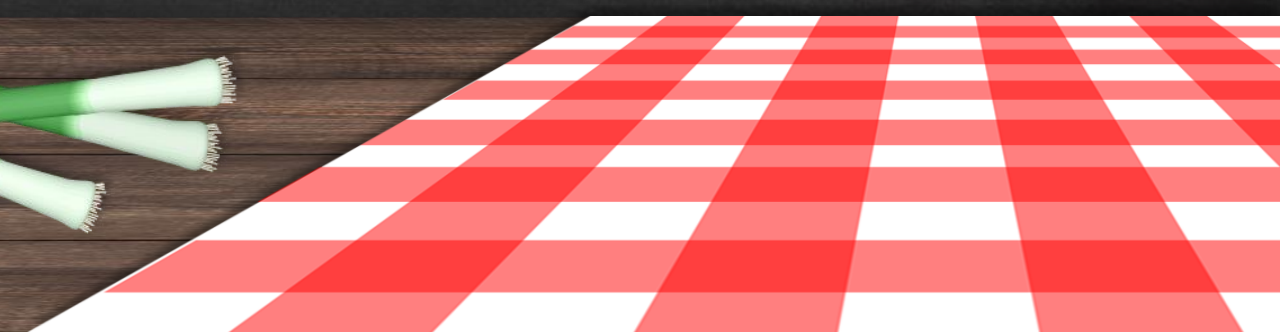


**Descriptive Paragraphs can be divided into 3 types:**

Description  
of a person

Description  
of a place

Description  
of a thing  
or an  
experience



## A Horrible Hotel

\_\_\_\_\_. First, the rooms are small, dark and dirty. There is no air conditioning in summer, so the rooms are very hot. Because there is no heating, the rooms are cold, especially in winter. Second, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_. That is why I want to warn you not to stay in that hotel.



## Space Order

Spatial order shows how people and objects are arranged in a space or a scene. A description can be organized spatially in several ways:

- From top to bottom,
- Outside to inside,
- Left to right,
- Near to far,
- or the reverse of any of these



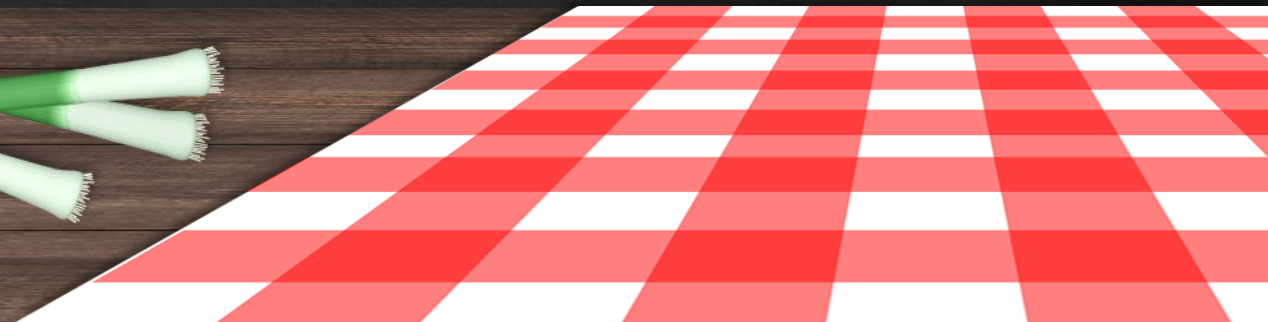
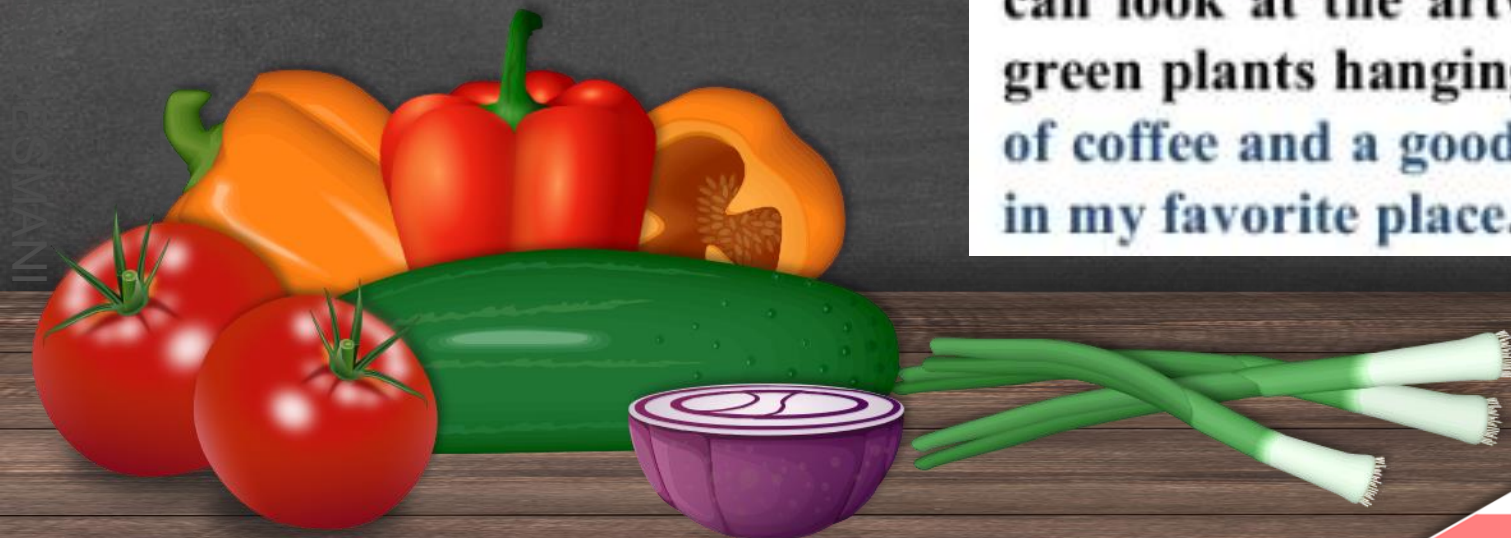
**Example**

In Mr. Adam's classroom we see a lot of interesting things. **To the left of the class**, we see 10 posters in the colors of the rainbow. **To the right of the room** is a black radio on top of the silver file cabinets. **In the back**, there is a huge blue curtain hanging on the wall. **In front of the class** is a green, rectangular chalkboard. Indeed Mr. Adam's classroom is very interesting.



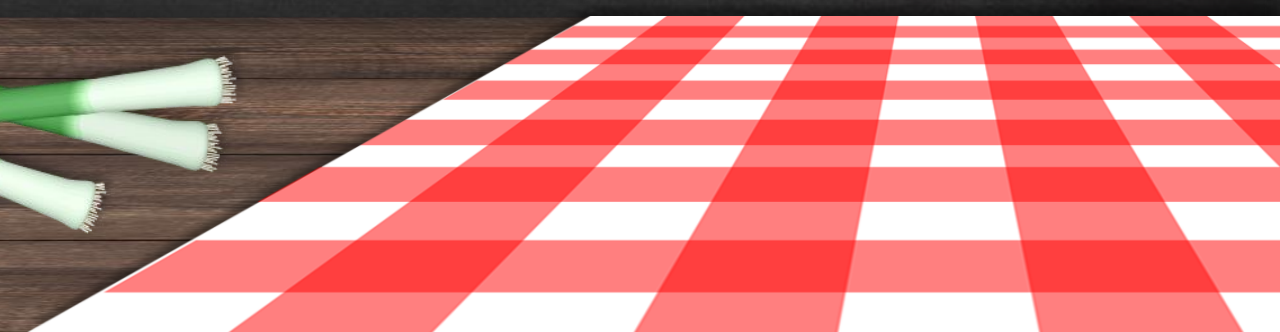
## My Favorite Café

My favorite place to relax is a small café down the street from where I live. This café is on a small side street and as soon as you see it, you feel like going in. **There are three windows on either side of the door, and each window has a small window box with brightly colored flowers.** There is a small wooden door that opens into the café, and as soon as you go in, you can see a dozen small tables all around the room. **I always like to sit at a small table in the corner near the front windows.** From here, I can look at the artwork on the walls and at the pretty green plants hanging from the ceiling. With a strong cup of coffee and a good book, I feel very happy and relaxed in my favorite place.



## Prepositions for Descriptive Writing

- **in front of / in back of/ behind**
- **on top of / on the bottom of / next to**
- **Above / below / underneath**
  
- **to the right / to the left**
- **in the middle of**
- **around**
- **between**



## My Mother's Kitchen

My mother's kitchen is not very big, but it is warm and comfortable. \_\_\_\_\_

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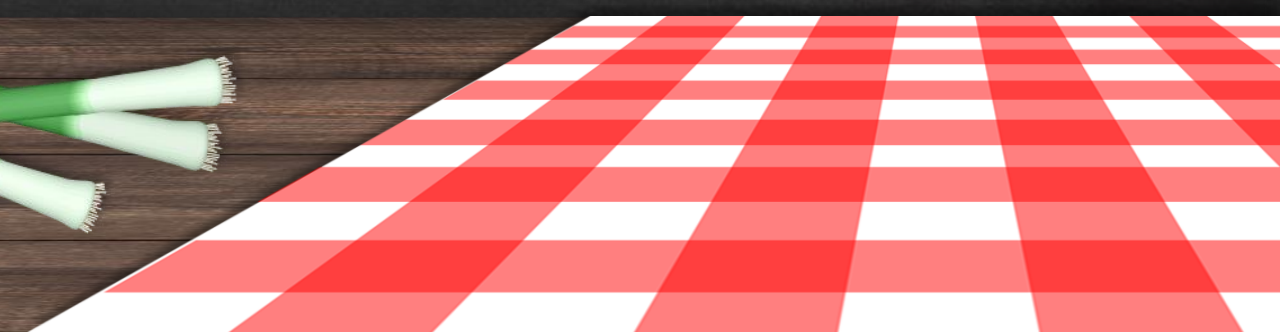
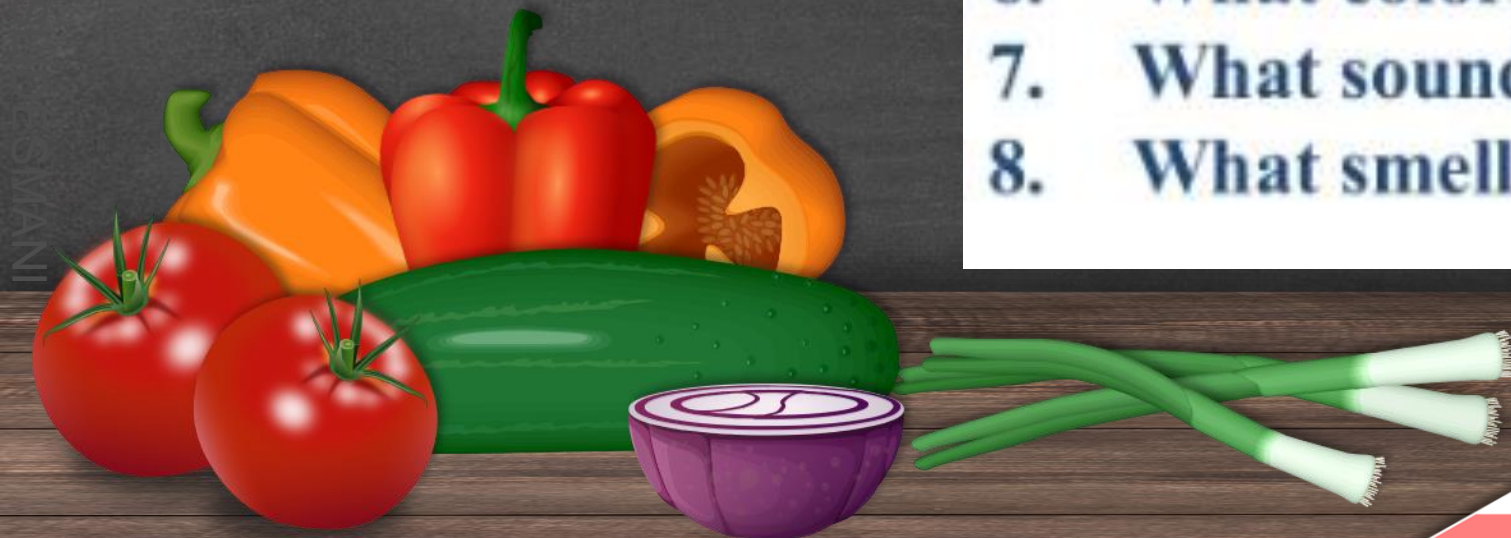
My mother's kitchen is not very big, but it is warm and comfortable. **On the left side**, there is a nice, small fridge with some family pictures placed on fridge's door. **To the right**, there is a small, round table with four wooden chairs. **In the left corner of the kitchen** stands the food cabinet which has my mother's favourite spices and utensils. Sometimes my brother and I **sat on the chairs around the table** watching my mother cooking. We liked learning new things, working together, and making delicious foods. Now I live far away, but I often think about my mother's kitchen.





**Activity: Write a description of a place by answering some of these questions:**

- 1. Where is the place?**
- 2. How big is it?**
- 3. How warm or cold is the place?**
- 4. How does the place make you feel?**
- 5. What things can you see in the place?**
- 6. What colors do you see?**
- 7. What sounds do you hear?**
- 8. What smell do you find in this place?**



## Describing People

- 1. Age:** twenty-one, a young woman, elderly, old, middle-aged, in his mid fifties, in her late thirties, in his early twenties.
- 2. Hair:** **a- color:** dark, blonde, gray  
**b- length:** straight, short, long, curly, bald, wavy
- 3. Eyes:** **Color :** blue, dark, brown, green.  
**Shape:** large, round, almond-shape
- 4. Height:** **tall:** 180 cm, short 155 cm tall, average
- 5. Facial features:** **Face:** smooth, wrinkled, thin  
**eyebrows:** bushy
- 6. body:** thin, fat, chubby, well-built
- 7. Personality:** optimistic, kind, angry, considerate, happy, cheerful, annoying, helpful, scary



## Describing People

1. Complete the missing parts of the following paragraph from the list:

[ fair, straight, green, wrinkled, thin, old, bushy, round, twenties, 170 cm, sixties, short ]

Khalil is an \_\_\_\_\_ man in his mid  
\_\_\_\_\_. His face is \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_. His hair is \_\_\_\_\_ and  
his eyebrows are \_\_\_\_\_. Nora, on the  
other hand, is in her late \_\_\_\_\_. She  
has \_\_\_\_\_ hair, and \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_ eyes. She is approximately  
\_\_\_\_\_ tall.



## Jack Collins

**Jack Collins is the most amazing person I have ever met.** He came to my school and talked about his difficult life in prison. He was in prison for 15 years. He made a lot of mistakes when he was young, but now he has changed his life. He saw a lot of violence in prison, **so** he uses his experience to help high school students. Jack is tall and strong and looks a little scary. The thing I remember most about him is his sensitive personality. He really wants to help young people. **In a word, I've never met anyone like Jack before.**



## My Best friend's Grandfather

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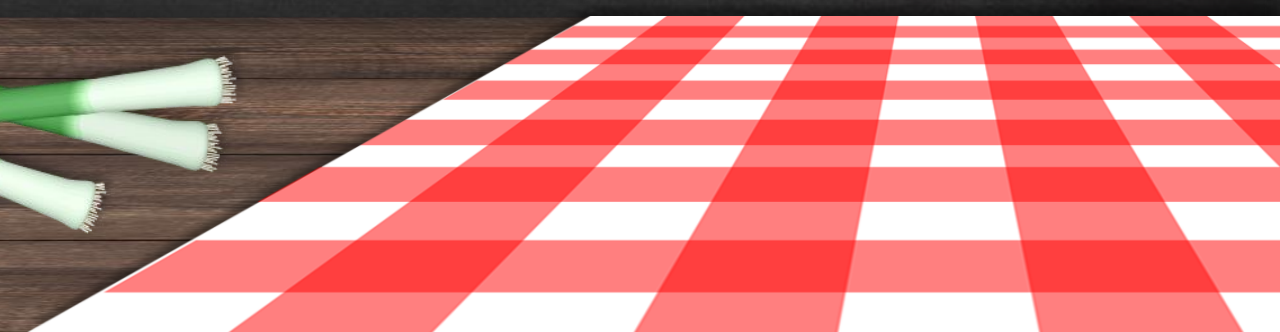
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## My Best friend's Grandfather

My best friend's grandfather tells great stories about the difficult life he had when he was young. **He is 94 years old, but his voice is still strong and clear. He speaks quietly and slowly when he tells stories. His life was difficult when he was young. His family didn't have much money, so he worked hard to support them. Even though his life was not easy, he is still positive and optimistic.** I can learn many things from his stories.



## Using Adjectives

Adjectives are words that describe nouns. Writers use adjectives to give readers a more complete picture of the people, places and things they want to describe.

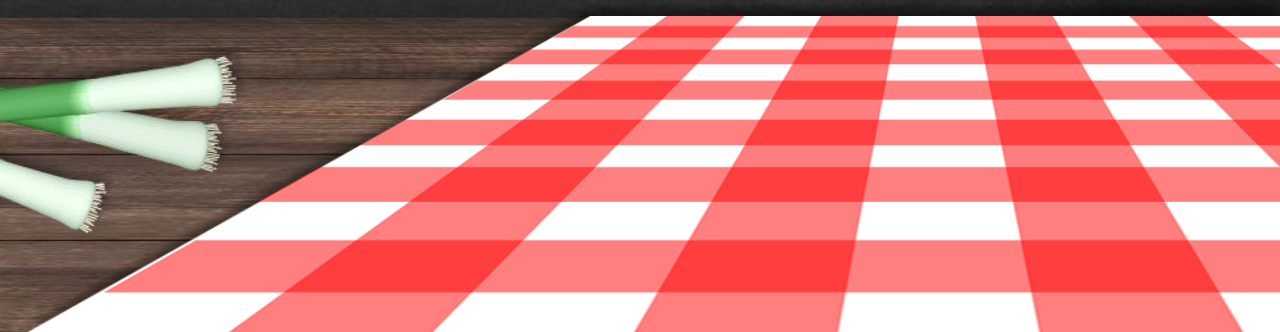
Identify the adjectives in the following sentences:

1. I take care of my expensive old bicycle.
2. I am fond of my house plants.
3. It has broad green leaves and delicate white flowers.
4. I bought a straw hat at a music festival.
5. It was not expensive, but I liked it because it was practical and attractive.
6. I bought my mug at a small, tourist shop at the airport.
7. I took a three-week holiday last year.
8. My friend bought a used car.



**Adding two or three adjectives to the following sentences:**

- 1. My umbrella is like a friend.**
- 2. No one understands why I still wear my jeans.**
- 3. If I could save one thing from the fire, it would be my chair.**
- 4. My mother gave me a ring.**
- 5. My brother owned a car.**





## Ordering Adjectives

Sometimes we use two or more adjectives together:

- My parents live in a **nice new** house
- A **dirty old black** cat is wandering the streets

### 1. OPINION Adjectives

Adjectives like **nice** and **dirty** are opinion adjectives. They tell us what you think about somebody or something. *Opinion adjectives usually go before fact adjectives*

### 2. FACT Adjectives

Adjectives like **new**, **old**, **black** are **fact** adjectives. They give us factual information about age, shape, colour, make, etc.



## Ordering Adjectives

2. **FACT Adjectives:** Very often, we put fact adjectives in this order:

1- **Articles, demonstratives, pronouns, possessives:** a, an, those, her, Mary's

2- **Quantity:** two, fifty, some, many, a few

3- **Opinion:** happy, beautiful, exciting, silly, cheerful

4- **SIZE :** How big? large, small, tiny, huge, little

5- **AGE :** How old? new, young, old, ancient

6- **SHAPE :** What shape? square, round, rectangular, flat

7- **COLOUR :** What colour? blue, pink, yellow, crimson

8- **ORIGIN :** Where from? English, American, Chinese

9- **MATERIAL:** What it is made of? plastic, wooden, glass, woolen

10- **PURPOSE :** What it is used for? racing car, frying pan, rocking chair

**Examples:**

A. **An (1) interesting (3) old (5) book**

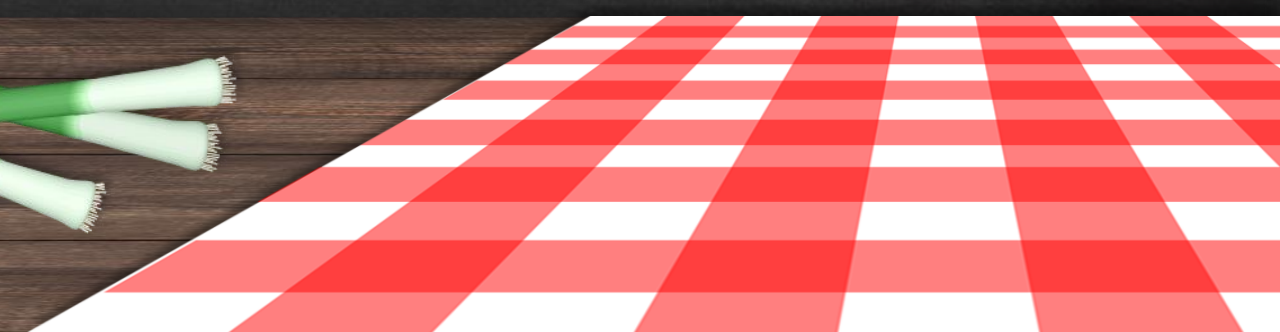
B. **An (1) ugly (3) pink (7 ) plastic (9) necklace**

C. **A (1) nice (3) small (4) African (8) drum**

D. **A (1) delicious (3) round (6) chocolate (8) cake**

E. **A pair of smart(3) brown (7) leather (9) boots**

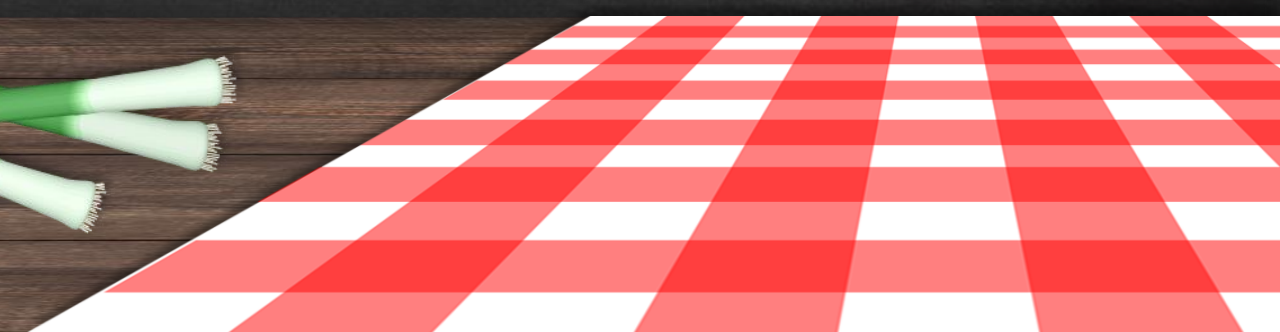
F. **A (1) beautiful (3) small (4) white (7) Chinese (8 ) computer**



## Ordering Adjectives

### Exercise:

1. At home there is **(a wooden beautiful square )** table in the dining room.
2. I was offered **(gold unusual an)** ring by my husband.
3. My grandmother has knitted **( a new woolen nice)** pullover for me.
4. I saw **(an American interesting old)** movie with friends at home.
5. It may rain ! There are **(black big )** clouds floating in the air.
6. Last week, I visited **(a small old lovely )** village in a remote area.
7. It started to rain so I opened **(red yellow huge a)** umbrella
8. John was given **(an black little adorable)** cat by his sister.
9. A **(shiny new sports Italian)** car was parked opposite my house.
10. It was such **(a sunny lovely )** day that we decided to go out for a walk.





Thank  
you