



## Order of Adjectives: Two-Adjective Order: The OSASCOMP Rule

Fill in the blank with the correct option.

1. She bought a \_\_\_\_ dress for the wedding.  
a) red and beautiful  
b) red beautiful  
c) beautiful red  
d) beautiful, red
2. They live in a \_\_\_\_ house on the hill.  
a) old large  
b) old and large  
c) large, old  
d) large old
3. He was wearing a \_\_\_\_ jacket.  
a) leather black  
b) leather and black  
c) black leather  
d) black, leather
4. We sat at a \_\_\_\_ table in the restaurant.  
a) round small  
b) small round  
c) round and small  
d) small, round
5. The chef used a \_\_\_\_ knife to cut the vegetables.  
a) sharp and Japanese  
b) Japanese sharp  
c) sharp Japanese  
d) Japanese, sharp
6. My grandmother gave me a \_\_\_\_ ring.  
a) gold Chinese  
b) gold and Chinese  
c) Chinese, gold  
d) Chinese gold
7. She carried a \_\_\_\_ bag to school every day.  
a) big blue  
b) blue big  
c) big, blue  
d) blue and big
8. He drives a \_\_\_\_ sports car.  
a) Italian new  
b) Italian and new  
c) new, Italian  
d) new Italian
9. We need a \_\_\_\_ box to store these books.  
a) large wooden  
b) wooden large  
c) wooden and large  
d) large, wooden
10. There was a \_\_\_\_ cat sleeping on the sofa.  
a) ginger fat  
b) fat and ginger  
c) fat, ginger  
d) fat ginger
11. She wore a \_\_\_\_ scarf around her neck.  
a) silk long  
b) long silk  
c) silk and long  
d) long, silk

12. The museum has a \_\_\_ painting by Monet.
- a) famous French  
b) French famous  
c) French and famous  
d) famous, French
13. He bought a \_\_\_ car last week.
- a) second-hand German  
b) German second-hand  
c) German and second-hand  
d) second-hand, German
14. I found a \_\_\_ coin in the garden.
- a) silver tiny  
b) tiny silver  
c) silver and tiny  
d) tiny, silver
15. They adopted a \_\_\_ puppy from the shelter.
- a) little and lovely  
b) lovely little  
c) little lovely  
d) lovely, little
16. We stayed in a \_\_\_ hotel near the beach.
- a) Spanish modern  
b) Spanish and modern  
c) modern Spanish  
d) modern, Spanish
17. The children played with a \_\_\_ ball in the park.
- a) plastic and small  
b) plastic small  
c) small plastic  
d) small, plastic
18. She has \_\_\_ eyes that everyone notices.
- a) green and beautiful  
b) beautiful green  
c) green beautiful  
d) beautiful, green
19. The shop sells \_\_\_ furniture.
- a) expensive, antique  
b) antique expensive  
c) antique and expensive  
d) expensive antique
20. He picked up a \_\_\_ stone from the riverbed.
- a) smooth oval  
b) oval smooth  
c) smooth, oval  
d) oval and smooth



## Answers

1. c) beautiful red
2. d) large old
3. c) black leather
4. b) small round
5. c) sharp Japanese
6. d) Chinese gold
7. a) big blue
8. d) new Italian
9. a) large wooden
10. d) fat ginger
11. b) long silk
12. a) famous French
13. a) second-hand German
14. b) tiny silver
15. b) lovely little
16. c) modern Spanish
17. c) small plastic
18. b) beautiful green
19. d) expensive antique
20. a) smooth oval



# Explanations

**1. “beautiful red” (c)**

Opinion (beautiful) comes before colour (red) in the OSASCOMP order. 'Red beautiful' reverses the correct order.

**2. “large old” (d)**

Size (large) comes before age (old) in the OSASCOMP order. 'Old large' puts age before size, which sounds unnatural.

**3. “black leather” (c)**

Colour (black) comes before material (leather) in the OSASCOMP order. 'Leather black' reverses the natural order.

**4. “small round” (b)**

Size (small) comes before shape (round) in the OSASCOMP order. 'Round small' sounds unnatural because shape should follow size.

**5. “sharp Japanese” (c)**

Opinion/quality (sharp) comes before origin (Japanese) in the OSASCOMP order. 'Japanese sharp' reverses the natural sequence.

**6. “Chinese gold” (d)**

Origin (Chinese) comes before material (gold) in the OSASCOMP order. 'Gold Chinese' incorrectly puts material before origin.

**7. “big blue” (a)**

Size (big) comes before colour (blue) in the OSASCOMP order. 'Blue big' puts colour before size, which is incorrect.

**8. “new Italian” (d)**

Age (new) comes before origin (Italian) in the OSASCOMP order. 'Italian new' reverses the correct sequence.

**9. “large wooden” (a)**

Size (large) comes before material (wooden) in the OSASCOMP order. 'Wooden large' puts material before size, which sounds unnatural.

**10. “fat ginger” (d)**

Size (fat) comes before colour (ginger) in the OSASCOMP order. 'Ginger fat' reverses the natural sequence.

**11. “long silk” (b)**

Size (long) comes before material (silk) in the OSASCOMP order. 'Silk long' puts material before size, which is incorrect.

**12. “famous French” (a)**

Opinion (famous) comes before origin (French) in the OSASCOMP order. 'French famous' reverses the correct sequence.

**13. “second-hand German” (a)**

Age (second-hand) comes before origin (German) in the OSASCOMP order. 'German second-hand' puts origin before age, which is unnatural.

**14. “tiny silver” (b)**

Size (tiny) comes before material (silver) in the OSASCOMP order. 'Silver tiny' reverses the natural sequence.

**15. “lovely little” (b)**

Opinion (lovely) comes before size (little) in the OSASCOMP order. 'Little lovely' puts size before opinion, which sounds unnatural.

**16. “modern Spanish” (c)**

Age (modern) comes before origin (Spanish) in the OSASCOMP order. 'Spanish modern' reverses the correct sequence.

**17. “small plastic” (c)**

Size (small) comes before material (plastic) in the OSASCOMP order. 'Plastic small' puts material before size, which is incorrect.

**18. “beautiful green” (b)**

Opinion (beautiful) comes before colour (green) in the OSASCOMP order. 'Green beautiful' reverses the natural order.

**19. “expensive antique” (d)**

Opinion (expensive) comes before age (antique) in the OSASCOMP order. 'Antique expensive' puts age before opinion, which is unnatural.

**20. “smooth oval” (a)**

Opinion/quality (smooth) comes before shape (oval) in the OSASCOMP order. 'Oval smooth' reverses the correct sequence.