



## Order of Adjectives: Three or More Adjectives: OSASCOMP Order with Numbers

Fill in the blank with the correct option.

1. She chose a \_\_\_ skirt for the event.  
a) red long beautiful  
b) long beautiful red  
c) beautiful long red  
d) long red beautiful
2. He collects \_\_\_ coins from around the world.  
a) old small silver  
b) silver old small  
c) small old silver  
d) small silver old
3. They bought \_\_\_ dining chairs for the kitchen.  
a) six new wooden  
b) wooden six new  
c) new six wooden  
d) six wooden new
4. We admired the \_\_\_ vase in the museum.  
a) old Chinese lovely  
b) lovely old Chinese  
c) Chinese old lovely  
d) old lovely Chinese
5. The farmer owned \_\_\_ horses on his ranch.  
a) large twelve brown  
b) twelve brown large  
c) brown twelve large  
d) twelve large brown
6. My aunt has a \_\_\_ coffee table in her living room.  
a) round gorgeous wooden  
b) gorgeous round wooden  
c) round wooden gorgeous  
d) wooden round gorgeous
7. He received \_\_\_ birthday presents from his friends.  
a) five wonderful big  
b) big five wonderful  
c) five big wonderful  
d) wonderful five big
8. She found a \_\_\_ brooch at the antique market.  
a) oval tiny old  
b) oval old tiny  
c) tiny old oval  
d) old tiny oval
9. The gallery displayed a \_\_\_ sculpture by a local artist.  
a) large striking modern  
b) striking large modern  
c) large modern striking  
d) modern large striking
10. We packed \_\_\_ suitcases for the holiday.  
a) heavy two blue  
b) two blue heavy  
c) blue two heavy  
d) two heavy blue

11. She keeps her jewellery in a \_\_\_ box on the shelf.  
a) black square small  
b) square small black  
c) black small square  
d) small square black
12. The chef prepared a \_\_\_ meal for the guests.  
a) delicious traditional Italian  
b) traditional Italian delicious  
c) Italian traditional delicious  
d) traditional delicious Italian
13. He drives a \_\_\_ pickup truck to work.  
a) big old American  
b) old big American  
c) American big old  
d) old American big
14. There were \_\_\_ cushions on the sofa.  
a) soft four round  
b) round four soft  
c) four soft round  
d) four round soft
15. She inherited a \_\_\_ necklace from her mother.  
a) old valuable gold  
b) gold old valuable  
c) old gold valuable  
d) valuable old gold
16. The children built a \_\_\_ castle on the beach.  
a) round huge yellow  
b) yellow huge round  
c) round yellow huge  
d) huge round yellow
17. He placed \_\_\_ candles on the birthday cake.  
a) pink ten tiny  
b) ten tiny pink  
c) tiny ten pink  
d) ten pink tiny
18. We visited a \_\_\_ temple during our trip to Kyoto.  
a) ancient Japanese beautiful  
b) beautiful ancient Japanese  
c) ancient beautiful Japanese  
d) Japanese ancient beautiful
19. The carpenter made a \_\_\_ bookcase for the library.  
a) tall rectangular oak  
b) oak rectangular tall  
c) oak tall rectangular  
d) rectangular tall oak
20. She arranged \_\_\_ roses in a vase on the table.  
a) beautiful three red  
b) red three beautiful  
c) three beautiful red  
d) three red beautiful



## Answers

1. c) beautiful long red
2. c) small old silver
3. a) six new wooden
4. b) lovely old Chinese
5. d) twelve large brown
6. b) gorgeous round wooden
7. a) five wonderful big
8. c) tiny old oval
9. b) striking large modern
10. d) two heavy blue
11. d) small square black
12. a) delicious traditional Italian
13. a) big old American
14. c) four soft round
15. d) valuable old gold
16. d) huge round yellow
17. b) ten tiny pink
18. b) beautiful ancient Japanese
19. a) tall rectangular oak
20. c) three beautiful red



# Explanations

## 1. “beautiful long red” (c)

The OSASCOMP order is: Opinion (beautiful) → Size (long) → Colour (red). All three categories must follow this fixed sequence.

## 2. “small old silver” (c)

The OSASCOMP order is: Size (small) → Age (old) → Material (silver). 'Old small silver' puts age before size, which is incorrect.

## 3. “six new wooden” (a)

Numbers (six) come before all adjectives. Then the OSASCOMP order applies: Age (new) → Material (wooden). 'New six wooden' incorrectly puts the number after an adjective.

## 4. “lovely old Chinese” (b)

The OSASCOMP order is: Opinion (lovely) → Age (old) → Origin (Chinese). Opinion always comes first among adjectives.

## 5. “twelve large brown” (d)

Numbers (twelve) come first, then Size (large) → Colour (brown) following OSASCOMP. Numbers always precede descriptive adjectives.

## 6. “gorgeous round wooden” (b)

The OSASCOMP order is: Opinion (gorgeous) → Shape (round) → Material (wooden). Opinion adjectives always come first.

## 7. “five wonderful big” (a)

Numbers (five) come first, followed by Opinion (wonderful) → Size (big). Numbers are always placed before descriptive adjectives.

## 8. “tiny old oval” (c)

The OSASCOMP order is: Size (tiny) → Age (old) → Shape (oval). Each adjective category has a fixed position in the sequence.

## 9. “striking large modern” (b)

The OSASCOMP order is: Opinion (striking) → Size (large) → Age (modern). Opinion always precedes physical descriptions.

## 10. “two heavy blue” (d)

Numbers (two) come first, then Size/weight (heavy) → Colour (blue). Numbers always precede all descriptive adjectives.

## 11. “small square black” (d)

The OSASCOMP order is: Size (small) → Shape (square) → Colour (black). Size always comes before shape, and shape before colour.

## 12. “delicious traditional Italian” (a)

The OSASCOMP order is: Opinion (delicious) → Age/type (traditional) → Origin (Italian). Opinion adjectives always come first.

## 13. “big old American” (a)

The OSASCOMP order is: Size (big) → Age (old) → Origin (American). Size precedes age, and age precedes origin.

**14. “four soft round” (c)**

Numbers (four) come first, then Quality (soft) → Shape (round). Numbers always precede descriptive adjectives.

**15. “valuable old gold” (d)**

The OSASCOMP order is: Opinion (valuable) → Age (old) → Material (gold). Opinion always comes first, followed by age, then material.

**16. “huge round yellow” (d)**

The OSASCOMP order is: Size (huge) → Shape (round) → Colour (yellow). Size precedes shape, and shape precedes colour.

**17. “ten tiny pink” (b)**

Numbers (ten) come first, then Size (tiny) → Colour (pink). The number must precede all descriptive adjectives.

**18. “beautiful ancient Japanese” (b)**

The OSASCOMP order is: Opinion (beautiful) → Age (ancient) → Origin (Japanese). Opinion always precedes physical and origin descriptions.

**19. “tall rectangular oak” (a)**

The OSASCOMP order is: Size (tall) → Shape (rectangular) → Material (oak). Size comes before shape, and shape before material.

**20. “three beautiful red” (c)**

Numbers (three) come first, then Opinion (beautiful) → Colour (red). Numbers always precede all descriptive adjectives.