

# *BAGS = Adjective placement*

What is an adjective?

An adjective brings precision to a noun, such as a pretty house, an old sweater, a good dog, or a huge pile of bills... Pretty, Old, Good, and Huge are adjectives ... and you notice they ALWAYS come before the noun in English...

Short and common adjectives, usually expressing Beauty, Age, Goodness, Numbers, and Size (that's why you have the acronym 'BAGS') precede the noun. Colors, long, and uncommon adjectives come after the noun.

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## **#1 B is for beauty**

The adjectives about beauty comes before the noun. A few adjectives for beauty could be beau (for masculine noun), belle (for feminine noun), joli (pretty)...

A pretty house = une jolie maison

Except for CUTE

A cute kitten = un chaton mignon

A pretty kitten = un joli chaton

## **#2 A is for age**

Adjectives describing someone or something's age come before the noun. A few adjectives for age could be nouveau (new for masculine noun), vieille (old for feminine noun), vieux (old for masculine noun), jeune (young)...

An old sweater = un vieux pull

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## **#3 G is for goodness**

Adjectives qualifying someone's or something goodness always come before the noun.

A good dog = un bon chien

Prefer using sympa when talking about people.

Une fille sympa = a nice girl

## **#4 S is for Size**

Adjectives qualifying someone's or something size always come before the noun. A few adjectives for size could be gros (large/big/thick for masculine noun), grande (tall/high for feminine noun), énorme (huge)...

A huge pile of bill = Une énorme pile de factures...

## **Know your BAGS: Conclusion**

As a rule of thumb, you can also remember that most short and common adjectives come before the noun and colors come after in French!

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