***Order of Cumulative Adjectives Handout***[[1]](#footnote-1)

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| **ARTICLE OR OTHER NOUN MARKER:**  a, an, the, his, Jane’s, some, three |
| **EVALUATIVE WORD:**  beautiful, hard-working, tasty, smelly |
| **SIZE:**  tiny, small, gigantic, large |
| **LENGTH OR SHAPE:**  short, long, round, triangular |
| **AGE:**  ancient, new, old, young |
| **COLOR:**  red, orange, yellow, green |
| **NATIONALITY:**  American, French, Mexican, Polish |
| **RELIGION:**  Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, Protestant |
| **MATERIAL:**  wood, wool, marble, copper |
| **NOUN/ADJECTIVE:**  tree (as in *tree* house), kitchen, dog, window |

1. This sequence is from Diana Hacker and Nancy Sommers, *Rules for Writers* (Boston: Bedford/St. Martin’s, 2016, 8th edition), 287; however, I have changed some of the word choices. The “Order of Cumulative Adjectives Handout” is on the CD and can be downloaded from the TLC “Grammar” page found at <https://www.literacycookbook.com/page.php?id=141> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)