***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)