Adjective Museum Tour

See how descriptive words line up before nouns.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.4.1d "Order adjectives within sentences according to conventional patterns (e.g., a small red bag rather than a red small bag)."

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1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline every group of two or more adjectives that comes right before a noun. Above each underlined group, write 1 over the adjective that comes first, 2 over the next one, and so on, to show its order.

Maya's Museum Visit

1. On Saturday, Maya visited the city science museum for its space display. Near the door stood a huge silver rocket model. A friendly guide handed Maya a small printed map and showed her a round glass case. Inside, she saw a dusty gray moon rock collected during an Apollo mission. The rock was kept behind a thick clear cover for protection.

2. At the first table, Maya used a powerful black telescope to study a bright distant image of a star. The guide explained that telescopes gather light from faraway objects. Maya then examined an old wooden tool used by early sky watchers. Its smooth brass wheel helped people measure angles. Beside it rested a tiny blue notebook filled with careful observations from a young astronomer.

3. Before leaving, Maya joined a workshop about radio signals. She built a simple cardboard antenna with two long copper wires. Her team tested the antenna beside a narrow white window. When the signal was weak, they added a new plastic base. At home, Maya drew a detailed blue design in her journal and labeled each important part.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Copy the complete noun phrase that describes the rocket model.

2. Write the two adjectives before telescope in the order used in the passage.

3. Put these words in conventional order to make a complete noun phrase: old, wooden, tool.

4. The words narrow and white describe a window. Which word comes first, and why?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write two sentences about an object you might find at a science museum. Each sentence must include a noun with at least two adjectives before it, in conventional order.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline every group of two or more adjectives that comes right before a noun. Above each underlined group, write 1 over the adjective that comes first, 2 over the next one, and so on, to show its order. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Copy the complete noun phrase that describes the rocket model.	**a huge silver rocket model**
2	Write the two adjectives before telescope in the order used in the passage.	**powerful black**
3	Put these words in conventional order to make a complete noun phrase: old, wooden, tool.	**an old wooden tool**
4	The words narrow and white describe a window. Which word comes first, and why?	**Narrow comes first because a size adjective comes before a color adjective.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A small red rover sits beside the exhibit. A shiny metal satellite hangs above it.

Accept adjective groups that are underlined and numbered in conventional order. For the writing task, accept two original sentences with at least two correctly ordered adjectives before a noun in each sentence.