

a yellow sofa, the lamp is red

Describing objects

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Describing objects

Plural means more than one: **two windows**. An adjective normally comes before a noun: **a yellow sofa, a small window**. It can follow **be**: **The sofa is yellow**. It does not change for a male or female owner, a thing, or a plural noun.

With two descriptions put size before colour: **a big yellow sofa**. Say **two small windows**, not a plural adjective ending. Articles depend on the following sound: **a red lamp, an old wardrobe**.

Use **too** before an adjective for an excessive degree: **too big, too small**. This is different from **very big**, which simply describes a high degree.

Form	Example	Meaning
yellow	It's a yellow sofa.	Describe the sofa's colour.
is	The lamp is red.	Describe one lamp.
small	There are two small windows.	Describe more than one window.
an	It's an old wardrobe.	Introduce a wardrobe with a vowel sound in old.
yellow	It's a big yellow sofa.	Use normal size-before-colour order.

Form	Example	Meaning
too	The sofa is too big for the door.	Say the sofa is excessively big to fit.

It's a yellow sofa.

Describe the sofa's colour.

The lamp is red.

Describe one lamp.

There are two small windows.

Describe more than one window.

It's an old wardrobe.

Introduce a wardrobe with a vowel sound in old.

It's a big yellow sofa.

Use normal size-before-colour order.

The sofa is too big for the door.

Say the sofa is excessively big to fit.

GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE PATTERNS

Underline the form described in this unit.

- 1 It's a yellow sofa.

Meaning: Describe the sofa's colour.

- 2 The lamp is red.

Meaning: Describe one lamp.

- 3 There are two small windows.

Meaning: Describe more than one window.

- 4 It's an old wardrobe.

Meaning: Introduce a wardrobe with a vowel sound in old.

- 5 It's a big yellow sofa.

Meaning: Use normal size-before-colour order.

- 6 The sofa is too big for the door.

Meaning: Say the sofa is excessively big to fit.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Choose the right word for the gap.

- 1 It's a _____ sofa.

- ☐ A yellows
- ☐ B yellow
- ☐ C yellowly

Meaning: Describe the sofa's colour.

- 2 The lamp _____ red.

- ☐ A am
- ☐ B is
- ☐ C are

Meaning: Describe one lamp.

3 There are two _____ windows.

- ☐ A small
- ☐ B smallerest
- ☐ C smalls

Meaning: Describe more than one window.

4 It's _____ old wardrobe.

- ☐ A some
- ☐ B an
- ☐ C a

Meaning: Introduce a wardrobe with a vowel sound in old.

5 It's a big _____ sofa.

- ☐ A yellows
- ☐ B yellowly
- ☐ C yellow

Meaning: Use normal size-before-colour order.

6 The sofa is _____ big for the door.

- ☐ A much
- ☐ B too
- ☐ C many

Meaning: Say the sofa is excessively big to fit.

G3) COMPLETE A SHORT MESSAGE

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

yellow yellows

It's a _____ sofa.

Meaning: Describe the sofa's colour.

is are

The lamp _____ red.

Meaning: Describe one lamp.

small smalls

There are two _____ windows.

Meaning: Describe more than one window.

an a

It's _____ old wardrobe.

Meaning: Introduce a wardrobe with a vowel sound in old.

yellow yellows

It's a big _____ sofa.

Meaning: Use normal size-before-colour order.

too much

The sofa is _____ big for the door.

Meaning: Say the sofa is excessively big to fit.

G4) BUILD USEFUL SENTENCES

Put the words in order.

1 yellow It's a sofa.

Meaning: Describe the sofa's colour.

2 is The red. lamp

Meaning: Describe one lamp.

3 windows. small two are There

Meaning: Describe more than one window.

4 old It's wardrobe. an

Meaning: Introduce a wardrobe with a vowel sound in old.

5 yellow a sofa. It's big

Meaning: Use normal size-before-colour order.

6 for sofa door. The big too the is

Meaning: Say the sofa is excessively big to fit.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 Describe the sofa's colour. You say:

- ☐ A It's a yellows sofa.
- ☐ B It's a yellow sofa.

2 Describe one lamp. You say:

- ☐ A The lamp is red.
- ☐ B The lamp are red.

3 Describe more than one window. You say:

- ☐ A There are two smalls windows.
- ☐ B There are two small windows.

4 Introduce a wardrobe with a vowel sound in old. You say:

- ☐ A It's a old wardrobe.
- ☐ B It's an old wardrobe.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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|-------------------------------------|---|
| ① It's an old wardrobe. | Ⓐ Say the sofa is excessively big to fit. |
| ② It's a big yellow sofa. | Ⓑ Use normal size-before-colour order. |
| ③ It's a yellow sofa. | Ⓒ Describe more than one window. |
| ④ The sofa is too big for the door. | Ⓓ Introduce a wardrobe with a vowel sound in old. |
| ⑤ The lamp is red. | Ⓔ Describe the sofa's colour. |
| ⑥ There are two small windows. | Ⓕ Describe one lamp. |