

## ADVANCED ADJECTIVE PROBLEMS

“The last carried-out project” ☹

Or

“The last project carried out” ☺

Used clothing (with past participle before the noun) = **permanently USED**, i.e. from a second-hand shop

Or

The clothing used in that production (with the past participle after the noun) =

Used on one occasion only (příležitostní)

**Ordering adjectives when there is more than one adjective before a noun, the most common order is:**

quantity > opinion > size > quality > shape > age -> colour > origin > material > purpose

EX: It's easy for *efficient, new, consulting* firms to enter the market. (quality, age, purpose)

### More on the position of adjectives

When we use more than one adjective before a noun, there is often a *preferred* order for these adjectives. However, this order is not fixed: **opinion + size/physical quality/shape/age + colour + participle adjectives + origin + material + type + purpose + noun.**

- an old plastic container (= age + material + noun)
- a hard red ball (= quality + colour + noun)
- a frightening Korean mask (= opinion + origin + noun)
- a round biscuit tin (= shape + purpose (for holding biscuits) + noun)
- a small broken plate (= size + participle adjective + noun)
- a useful digital alarm clock (= opinion + type + purpose + noun)

To help you to learn this order, it can be useful to remember that gradable adjectives (describing **opinion, size, quality, shape, and age**) usually precede ungradable adjectives (**participle adjective** and adjectives describing **origin, material, type and purpose**).