

The best Valentine's Day adjective word order practice

With your partner(s), try to agree on the ten best things/ most important things from this list:

- a traditional long red rose
- freshly-cut wild spring flowers
- a large well-arranged bunch of pretty aromatic seasonal flowers
- a huge square box of delicious dark chocolates
- a fat golden ring
- a bottle of vintage single-malt whiskey
- a fancy candle-lit French meal
- a mysterious anonymous Valentine's Day card
- a cute store-bought Valentine's Day card
- a unique hand-drawn Valentine's Day card
- a big chilled bottle of expensive dry fizzy wine
- an elaborate secret marriage proposal
- an enormous fluffy pink teddy bear
- a classic sentimental romantic comedy
- long silver earrings
- a well-planned evening date
- tasteful designer jewellery
- shareable romantic photos
- a memorable homemade dinner
- an amazing unexpected surprise
- a rich fit good-looking date
- a heavy pink diamond
- a well-wrapped cardboard box tied with a red silk ribbon
- unforgettable shared memories
- a small crystal bottle of exotic musk perfume
- some fancy Italian silk clothes
- an indulgent chilled cream cake
- a fun day-long trip
- a classy waterproof platinum watch
- a stay in a stylish beachside hotel
- a calm relaxing day without your kids

Compare your list with another group, seeing if you can agree on any which you have ranked (very) differently.

Ask about any which you don't understand, are not sure how to rank, etc, discussing how good or bad they are each time.



Valentine's Day things with mixed adjectives

Try to remember or work out what order the adjectives with each noun below should be in. Some are already in the right order.

- a long red traditional rose
- freshly-cut spring wild flowers
- a large well-arranged bunch
- aromatic pretty seasonal flowers
- a huge square box
- dark delicious chocolates
- a fat golden ring
- single-malt vintage whiskey
- a candle-lit fancy French meal
- an anonymous mysterious Valentine's Day card
- a cute store-bought Valentine's Day card
- a hand-drawn unique Valentine's Day card
- a big chilled bottle
- dry expensive fizzy wine
- an elaborate secret marriage proposal
- an enormous fluffy pink teddy bear
- a classic romantic sentimental comedy
- long silver earrings
- an evening well-planned date
- designer tasteful jewellery
- romantic shareable photos
- a homemade memorable dinner
- an amazing unexpected surprise
- a fit good-looking rich date
- a heavy pink diamond
- a cardboard well-wrapped box
- tied with a red silk ribbon
- shared unforgettable memories
- a crystal small bottle
- exotic musk perfume
- some fancy Italian silk clothes
- a chilled cream indulgent cake
- a day-long fun trip
- a classy platinum waterproof watch
- a stay in a beachside stylish hotel
- a calm relaxing day without your kids

Try to work out the adjective word order pattern/ rule and use that to help. Then check above.

Change groups. Make a list of the ten most important things/ most desirable things for Valentine's Day from your choice of the mixed adjectives and nouns below. You can use any number of adjectives with each noun, but be careful with word order.

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а	amazing	luxury/ five-star	>	bottle of	-s
some	anonymous	memorable	>	box of	
many	aromatic	mysterious	>	bracelet	
	beachside	over-the-top	>	breakfast	
	beautiful/ pretty	passionate	>	cake	
	● big/ large	pink	>	candy	
	black and white	platinum	>	card	
	candle-lit	reasonable	>	champagne/ wine	
	chilled/ cold	● red	>	chocolate	
	classic	relaxing	>	clothes	
	classy	● rich		date	
	colourful	● romantic	>	day	
	crystal	● ruby	>	dessert/ sweet	
	• cute	● satin	>	diamond/ jewel	
	dark	savoury		dinner	
	day-long	seasonal	>	drink	
	delicious	secret	>	earring	
	designer	sentimental	>	evening	
	elaborate	sexy	>	flower	
	emerald	shareable	>	handbag/ accessory	
	enormous/ huge	■ shared	>	holiday/ vacation	
	exciting	shiny	>	hotel	
	• exotic	• short	>	jewellery	
	expensive	• silk	>	journey/ trip	
	fancy	• silver	>	lunch	
	fashionable	simple/ basic	>	marriage proposal	
	• fat	• small/ tiny	>	massage	
	• fizzy	• soft	>	meal	
	• fluffy	spring	>	memory	
	• French	square	>	message	
	• fresh	store-bought	>	movie/ comedy	
	• fun	• stylish	>	music	
	golden	• sweet	>	necklace/ chain	
	hand-drawn	• tasteful	>	night	
	handmade	• thick	>	perfume/ aftershave	
	• handsome	• thin	>	photo	
	• (un)healthy	• traditional		poem	
	• heavy	• unexpected	>	present/ gift	
	• hot/ warm	• unforgettable	~	ring	
	• imaginative	• unique	~	rose	
	• impressive	• vintage	~	song	
	• indulgent	waterproof	~	teddy bear/ soft toy	
	 Instagrammable 	• well	~	video	
	• Italian	• wild	>	(wrist)watch	
	● long		>	whiskey	

Look at other groups' lists and vote on the best.