'"Beauty is truth, truth beauty."

Activity One – read the quotations and expressions about beauty. Tick the boxes to say which you agree with.

Expression or Quotation	I agree	I disagree
'"Beauty is truth, truth beauty," (Keats)		
Beauty is in the eye of the beholder.		
Beauty is only skin deep.		
"The most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched, they must be felt with the heart" (Helen Keller)		
"Beauty is not caused. It is." (Emily Dickinson)		
Beauty is not in the face; beauty is a light in the heart. K.Gibran		
Beauty always promises, but never gives anything. ~Simone Weil		
It is amazing how complete is the delusion that beauty is goodness. ~Leo Tolstoy		
Beauty is the promise of happiness. ~Stendhal		

Now explain why you agreed or disagreed.

Activity Two – Describing beauty. Let's learn about the word order of adjectives in English:

Adjective Order - There are 2 basic positions for adjectives:

1. **before** the **noun**
2. **after** certain **verbs** (be, become, get, seem, look, feel, sound, smell, taste)

		adj.	noun	verb	adj.
1	I like	big	cars.		
2			My car	is	big.

Adjective Before Noun

We sometimes use more than one adjective before the noun:

- I like **big black** dogs.
- She was wearing a **beautiful long red** dress.

What is the correct order for two or more adjectives?

1. The general order is: **opinion, fact**:

- a nice French car (*not* a French nice car)

("Opinion" is what you **think** about something. "Fact" is what is definitely **true** about something.)

2. The normal order for fact adjectives is **size, age, shape, colour, material, origin**:

- a big, old, square, black, wooden Chinese table

3. Determiners usually come **first**, even though they are fact adjectives:

- articles (a, the)
- possessives (my, your…)
- demonstratives (this, that…)
- quantifiers (some, any, few, many…)
- numbers (one, two, three)

Here is an example with **opinion** and **fact** adjectives:

adjectives					noun
deter-miner	**opinion**	**fact**			
		age	shape	colour	
two	**nice**	**old**	**round**	**red**	**candles**

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When we want to use two **colour adjectives**, we join them with "and":

- Many newspapers are **black** and **white**.
- She was wearing a long, **blue** and **yellow** dress.



Adjective After Certain Verbs

An adjective can come **after** some verbs, such as: *be, become, feel, get, look, seem, smell, sound*

Even when an adjective comes after the verb and not before a noun, it always refers to and qualifies the **subject** of the sentence, not the verb.

Look at the examples below: subject *verb* **adjective**

- Jane *is* **English**.
- Because she had to wait, she *became* **impatient**.
- Is it *getting* **dark**?
- The examination did not *seem* **difficult**.
- Your friend *looks* **nice**.
- This towel *feels* **damp**.
- That new film doesn't *sound* very **interesting**.
- Dinner *smells* **good** tonight.
- This milk *tastes* **sour**.
- It *smells* **bad**.

These verbs are "stative" verbs, which express a state or change of state, not "dynamic" verbs which express an action. Note that some verbs can be stative in one sense (she looks beautiful | it got hot), and dynamic in another (she looked at him | he got the money). The above examples do not include all stative verbs.

Note also that in the above structure (subject *verb* **adjective**), the adjective can qualify a pronoun since the subject may be a pronoun.

At home test your understanding:

http://www.englishclub.com/grammar/adjectives-order_quiz.htm

Activity Three – Beautiful Adjectives in English.

Here is a list of adjectives. With your partner sort them into adjectives to describe inner beauty and adjectives to describe physical beauty.

Adjective	Inner	Physical
Attractive		
Ambitious		
Alluring		
Beautiful		
Elegant		
Fair		
Fine		
Gentle		
Generous		
Good		
Glamorous		
Handsome		
Happy		
Helpful		
Harmonious		
Jolly		
Jealous		
Jovial		
Kind		
Lovely		

Adjective	Inner	Physical
Lively		
Magnificent		
Nice		
Pleasant		
Pleasing		
Perfect		
Peaceful		
Plucky		
Smiling		
Successful		
Splendid		
Self-assured		
Sincere		
Thoughtful		
Vivacious		
Wonderful		
Witty		
Wise		
Warm		



Activity Four – Describe the people in terms of beauty using the adjectives from activity three and the correct word order. Use several adjectives for each person. Only choose the people you find beautiful either inside or out.

Coluche	**Grace Kelly**	**Claudia Scheiffer**
Mother Theresa	**Julia Roberts**	**L'Abbe Pierre**
Carla Bruni	**George Clooney**	**Halle Berry**
Angelina Jolie	**Robert Pattinson**	**Beyonce Knowles**

Activity Five – Class vote. Vote yes or no…

1. Who is the most physically beautiful public figure you can think of?
2. Who is the most beautiful and inspiring public figure you can think of?
3. Does a person have to be 'good' to be beautiful?
4. Do you find people beautiful if they are negative or selfish as a person?
5. Do you often find people ugly when you get to know them?
6. Do you think that any person looks beautiful when they smile?
7. Do you think people get more and more beautiful as they get older?
8. Are all babies beautiful?
9. Is beauty totally subjective?
10. Do you agree with the expression 'beauty is as beauty does'?

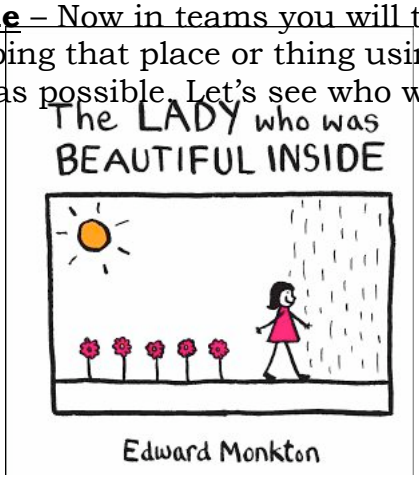
Activity Six – Beautiful Places…. Beautiful things….

1. What do you think are the most beautiful places in the world?
2. What is the most beautiful landscape you have ever seen?
3. Do objects, pictures, or photographs inspire you?
4. What's the most beautiful building in the world in your opinion?
5. What's the most beautiful city in the world?
6. What is the most beautiful picture in the Louvre?
7. What's the most beautiful village in France?
8. What's the most beautiful piece of classical music?
9. What's the most beautiful sculpture?
10. What's the most beautiful popular song?

We will write your answers on a paper and put them in a 'hat'.

BRAINSTORMING – let's brainstorm as many adjectives as possible to describe beautiful places and things….

Team Game – Now in teams you will take turns picking a paper from the hat and describing that place or thing using as many adjectives as possible and as quickly as possible. Let's see who wins….



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