

4 Order of quantifiers.

What is the order of qualifiers when more than one refers to the same noun? Although there are no fixed rules (as with "fair pretty maid" in line 3 and "pretty fair maid" in line 22), they are generally placed according to the following sequence:

OPINION SIZE AGE SHAPE COLOUR ORIGIN MATERIAL PURPOSE

Re-order the qualifiers in these sentences:

a. He bought a *Spanish / huge / modern* painting – it fills up most of the wall.

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b. Why is Jenny talking to that *French / middle-aged / tall* guy?

c. They spend their holidays in a *big / summer / white-painted / wooden* house.

d. Harry and James have just got a *black / cute / little* kitten called Smokey.

e. I have just bought a *garden / white / plastic* chair.

f. What a *old / brown / wooden / fine / Italian / round / dining / big* table you have in your house!

5 Rhetorical devices.

In the ballad two common rhetorical devices are used. Highlight them in the text in the corresponding colours:

anaphora: the repetition of the same word or phrase at the beginning of successive lines of poetry

enumeration: a list of people, animals or things

GUIDED ANALYSIS

1 Focus on the content.

Talk about:

- a. characters;
- b. atmosphere;
- c. theme.

2 Focus on the characters.

- a. What do we know of the narrator?
- b. What do we know of Geordie's lover/wife?
- c. Why has he been hanged?
- d. What social class does Geordie belong to?
- e. What does the judge stand for?

3 Focus on the narrative technique and language.

Identify:

- rhyme scheme _____
- verse form _____
- narrative mode _____
- refrain/repetitions _____
- alliteration _____
- language used _____