

POSITION OF ADJECTIVES

These days French writers take liberties with “rules” about the position of adjectives.

But learn that PENCILS adjectives usually follow the noun

Participles - un homme charmant

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Nationality - un accent anglais

Colour - le Moulin rouge

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Long - un poème incompréhensible

Shape - la table ronde

When does dernier follow, when precede, the noun?

semaine

la

dernière

The see-saw balances perfectly

semaine

la dernière

de l'année

ie. if someone (de l'année) is already on one end of the see-saw, dernier must balance it.

Why is CELUI like a unicorn?

A unicorn must have at least one horn. It cannot have more than one. CELUI can never stand on its own. It must be followed by:

- a -ci or -là
- b a phrase: celui sur la table
- c a clause: celui qui est sur le plancher

But you must use only one of those “horns” of those additions.