Will
Hello and welcome to today’s Grammar Gameshow! I’m your host, Will! It’s all you’ve got! And of course, let’s not forget Leslie, our all-knowing voice in the sky.

Leslie
Hello, everyone!

Will
Tonight we’re going to ask you three questions about…

Leslie
Adjectives! Those useful words that put some detail into our dialogue.

Will
OK! Now, let’s meet our contestants!

Stacey
Hello, all. I’m Stacey.

Will
And contestant number two?

Charlene
It’s nice to meet you. I’m Charlene.

Will
Welcome one and welcome all, answer me right, or take a fall! Anyway, let’s move on to round one. This is a control round. Answer the first question correctly, and I’ll ask you three more. You must answer all three correctly to get any points. True or false: Adjectives always come before a noun.

Stacey
Easy! True!
Will
Wow, you seem very confident. Remember, you must answer all three of the following questions to get any points.

Stacey
Bring it on, Willy.

Will
Willy?! I haven’t been called Willy since… But that was such a long time ago. Where is the adjective in this sentence? He lives in a blue house.

Stacey
The adjective is ‘blue’. It comes before the noun ‘house’. Like I said!

Will
Try this one. The ferocious shark swam quickly.

Stacey
‘Ferocious’ - adjective. ‘Shark’- noun. Adjective before noun, yawn!

Will
OK! Last one. I feel happy.

Stacey
The adjective is ‘happy’. It comes before… Oh!

Will
Charlene. Would you like to answer this one?

Charlene
‘Feel’ is a linking verb so it can connect with an adjective. But the adjective comes after.

Will
Leslie?

Leslie
Well done! Adjectives commonly go in two positions. They can appear before the noun they are describing or they can follow a linking verb, such as: ‘become’, ‘feel’, or ‘be’.

Will
Well done, Charlene. You get all of Stacey’s points.

Stacey
Hey! That’s not fair! I answered three out of the four! Willy! Please!
Will
Well, when you put it like that. 10 points to Charlene and 20 to Stacey.

Charlene
Hey! I see you! Two can play at that game. Carry on, Willsy!

Will
Willsy? I haven’t been called that since… But, that was such a long time ago. OK, on to our next round, and this will be quick-fire round. Everybody knows that adjectives have an order. Here are some adjectives. I want to know what order they should go in. The noun is ‘suit’. Ready? Old.

Stacey
An old suit, Willy.

Leslie
Correct!

Will
Beige.

Charlene
An old beige suit, Willsy.

Leslie
Correct!

Will
Woollen.

Stacey
An old beige woollen suit, Willy.

Leslie
Correct!

Will
American.

Charlene
An old beige American woollen suit, Willsy.

Leslie
Correct!
Will
Medium.

Stacey
A medium old beige American woollen suit, Willsy!

Leslie
Correct!

Will
Leslie?

Leslie
Good job! Though it is unlikely that you’ll order so many adjectives for one noun, the order goes: size, age, shape, colour, origin, material! Though there are other types of adjectives which do not feature in this list, such as: adjectives of opinion.

Will
Excellent job!

Stacey
Seriously, how hideous. Who’d wear a suit like that?

Charlene
Yeah! For once, I agree. Just tacky, tacky, tacky… on most people, but not on you Willsy!

Stacey
Yeah, you’ve got the build to pull it off, Willy.

Will
Yes. I thought so too. Ten points each and later you can tell me more things about myself! On to our third round - and it’s time to get extreme, ladies. Ladies, show me ‘extreme’! Yeah, very nice! Some adjectives are called ‘non-gradable’ or ‘extreme’. I’m going to give you an adjective and you’re going to give me the extreme version. Ready? Tasty.

Charlene
Willsy looks utterly delicious in his suit.

Leslie
Correct!

Will
Oh you! Interesting.
Stacey
Everything you say is absolutely fascinating.

Leslie
Correct!

Will
Stop, stop! No, no, no! Don't stop! Handsome.

Charlene
The host of this show is totally stunning.

Leslie
Correct!

Will
Well, this is unexpected. Leslie?

Leslie
Absolutely perfect! Gradable adjectives can be made more or less using words like ‘very’ or ‘a bit’. Non-gradable adjectives, however, are too strong. You cannot be ‘a bit exhausted’. In order to modify them, we need a stronger adverb such as ‘absolutely’, ‘totally’ or ‘utterly’.

Will
Excellent work. Here are twenty points each in mixed currency. And that brings us to the end of today’s Grammar Gameshow. And the winner is… Stacey! Well done! Here’s what you’ve won!

Leslie
It’s Will’s favourite pair of shoes!

Will
When did you get them? And Charlene. You did well, but not well enough I’m afraid.

Charlene
But Willsy…

Will
Here come the owls! It looks like we’ll need another contestant.

Stacey
So…where are we going for dinner?

Will
Whoa! Fun and games aside, you’re a nice person, but we’re not even in the same league!
**Stacey**  
*Men! Hang on Charlene! Sisters before misters!*

**Will**  
*Death before dishonour. Respect! Thanks for joining us. Say goodbye, Leslie.*

**Leslie**  
*Do svidanya, Leslie!*

**Will**  
*See you next time.*