How to describe an object

DIMENSIONS

Nouns	Adjectives	French
Length	Long ≠ short	
Width / breadth	Wide ≠ narrow	
Height	High ≠ low	
Thickness	Thick ≠ thin	
Depth	Deep ≠ shallow	
Size	Big ≠ small	

Remember :
How + adjective is an object ?

SHAPES

Nouns	Adjectives
Square	Square
Rectangle	Rectangular
Triangle	Triangular
Ellipse	Elliptical, oval
Semicircle	Semicircular
Circle	Circular, round
Cube	Cubic
Pyamid	Pyramidal
Cone	Conical
Hemisphere	Hemispherical
Cylinder	Cylindrical

COLOURS

Colours : Black, brown, red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, pink, grey, white, etc …

Density : brigh ≠ pale – bold ≠ soft – light ≠ dark – vivid ≠ watery – warm > cool > cold – flashy ≠ sober – vibrant ≠ restraint – splashy > neutral > muted – solid ≠ shaded, variegated

Shading = adding black to a colour ≠ tinting = adding white to a colour

Primary – secondary – tertiary colours

Complementary colours ≠ analogous colours (groups of 3 colours that are next to each other on the colour wheel)

Polychromatic ≠ monochromatic

Nouns	Adjectives
Cardboard	Cardboard
Stone	Stone
Plastic	Plastic
Synthetics	Synthetic
Leather	Leather
Metal	Metallic
Wood	Wooden
Wool	Woolen
Cotton	Cotton
Fur	Fur
Felt	Felt
Silk	Silk
Gold	Gold/golden
Silver	Silver
Lead	Lead/ leaden
Copper	Copper
Glass	Glass

MATERIALS

OUTLINES

Outlines : hollow > convex > flat > concave > embossed – straight > curved > sinuous – organic ≠ geometric– symmetrical ≠ asymmetrical – strongly contrasted ≠ slightly contrasted

The **surface** of an object can be : smooth ≠ rough – soft ≠ hard – shiny ≠ matt – glossy ≠ dull, unpolished – fluffly ≠ spiky

The **edges** of an object can be : regular ≠ irregular – sharp ≠ blunt

An object can also be :

- well-designed = planned and made well
- economical = does not cost much to run
- cheap ≠ expensive, dear or costly
- attractive = pleasant to look at ≠ repulsive or ugly
- trendy / fashionable ≠ out-of-fashion, old-fashioned, out-moded
- functional = useful with little decoration
- stylish = fashionable, trendy and good to look at
- user-friendly = easy to use
- compact = small ≠ bulky or cumbersome
- sustainable and eco-friendly = not harmful to the environment ≠ polluting or eco-unfriendly
- original = bespoke, special and interesting
- innovative = new and original at the same time