

9.71 Overall survey of potential adnominal sequences (before the nominal head)

I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	HEAD
NP Initiators	(a) Deictics	(a) Quantifiers (9.30, c)	Evaluative adjectives	Descriptive adjectives	Participles	'Provenance'	Defining modifiers	(a) Unmarked nouns	
<i>all</i>	(b) Articles			size (1)				(b) Classifying genitives	
<i>both</i>	(c) Quantifiers (9.30, b)	(b) Limiters		shape (2)					
<i>many a</i>				age (3)					
<i>such</i>	(d) Possessive adnominals			colour (4)					
<i>wh</i> -adnominals (see 9.85)	(e) Specifying genitives								
<i>All</i>	<i>the</i> (b) <i>John's</i> (e)	<i>chief</i> (b) <i>many</i> (b)	<i>delightful</i> <i>beautiful</i>	<i>old</i> (4) <i>large brown</i> (1) (4)		<i>English</i> <i>French</i>		<i>country</i> (a) <i>mahogany</i> (a)	<i>houses</i> <i>desks</i>
	<i>This</i> (a)			<i>large old</i> (1) (3)	<i>crumbling</i>	<i>London</i>		<i>church</i> (a)	<i>tower</i>
	<i>Some</i> (c) <i>Some</i>		<i>obscure</i> <i>expensive</i>		<i>canned</i>	<i>Belgian</i> <i>American</i>	<i>agricultural</i>	<i>children's</i> (b)	<i>college</i> <i>food</i> <i>house</i>
<i>Such</i>	<i>an</i> (b)		<i>expensive</i>	<i>huge</i> (1)					

Note: There is, of course, no NP that realizes all possibilities; most NPs will only contain a few of them. The above examples illustrate rather complex adnominal sequences.