

Summer Term Week 3

Expanded noun phrases

Lesson 1

Visit this website and open the lesson called Year 4 Expanding noun phrases

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/znrbgwx>

(This should link to the Expanded Noun Phrases Lesson set on 21 April)

Today, we would like you to complete Activity 1 and 2.

Expanded Noun Phrases

A note to parents: An **expanded noun phrase** gives more detail or information about a noun in a simple noun phrase. This is usually done by adding adjectives to describe the noun in the noun phrase, for example:

She walked through the dark, mysterious forest.

In the example above, the expanded noun phrase is 'the dark, mysterious forest', the words 'dark' and 'mysterious' have been used to expand the noun phrase. They make writing more interesting as they help the reader to build an image in their mind.

Read the following sentences. Underline or circle the **expanded noun phrase** in each sentence.

1. The brightly-coloured parrot flew through the canopy.
2. After his lunch, Harold ate a sweet, delicious chocolate brownie.
3. Under the waves, the stripy fish swam quickly through the reef.
4. In a forest clearing, a dark, mysterious jaguar sauntered by the water.
5. "Pass me the blue shoes please," Mum asked Sophia.
6. As John sat at the bus stop, he saw three large, black cars go past.
7. "These strawberry yoghurts are out of date!" complained the customer in the shop.
8. "Whose is this writing pencil?" asked the teacher as she held it in the air.
9. When he reached the top, the climber stared at the vast, breath-taking view.
10. Happy and elated, the winning team held their trophy in the air.

Expanded Noun Phrases 2

A note to parents: Another way to create an expanded noun phrase is to add a prepositional phrase to add further information about the noun and to enable the writing to be more efficient. For example, where it takes two sentences to say:

The man was sat on the bench. He was wearing a red hat.

We can write this more succinctly by expanding the noun phrase with:

The man **with the red hat** sat on the bench.

For further information on prepositional phrases, please see [this](#).

Read the following sentences. Underline or circle the **expanded noun phrase** in each sentence that has been expanded with a prepositional phrase.

1. Under the waves, the fish with the jagged fins swam swiftly through the reef.
2. The cat under the bush was drenched and shivering.
3. From the cave, a dragon with deadly claws came crashing out.
4. At the stables, Aisha chose to ride the horse with a black mane.
5. Charlie reached for the chocolates on the top shelf.
6. The wizard in the purple robe waved his magic wand and they all disappeared.
7. Jason had always known that the house adjacent to the park was occupied by witches.
8. "Please pass me the keys from the top drawer," Dad said to Brian.
9. Make sure you water the plant on the windowsill whilst we are gone.

Expanded Noun Phrases Answers

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Lesson 2

Open up the website from yesterday. Today we would like you to complete Activity 3.

Writing Expanded Noun Phrases

A note to parents: An expanded noun phrase gives more detail or information about a noun. This is usually done by adding adjectives to describe the noun in the noun phrase, for example:

She walked through the dark, mysterious forest.

Or by adding a prepositional phrase to add further information about the noun, such as:

The man **with the wooden walking stick** walked slowly across the road.

Look at each of the images below. Write a sentence with an expanded noun phrase about each image. The first one has been done for you.



The kind boy with the blond hair helped his friend to carry the books.









Lesson 3

Today we would like you to apply your knowledge of expanded noun phrases to write a setting description. You can choose one of these pictures to describe. When you have finished, neatly underline your expanded noun phrases.





Top tip: first of all identify at least 10 nouns. If I were writing about the picture above I might write about:

the driver	the seaweed
his flippers	the seabed
his oxygen tank	the fish
his wetsuit	the water
his belt	the coral

Now you can use these to create your expanded noun phrases.

I might write:

The *adventurous* driver began to explore the *jagged, rocky* seabed looking for a shipwreck. On his body, he was wearing a *bright yellow, tight-fitting* wetsuit with a *useful, waterproof* belt around his middle.

These resources might help:

Alternative Adjectives

small				big			
tiny	minute	miniature	pocket-sized	enormous	gigantic	mammoth	thundering
microscopic	meagre	modest	insufficient	monumental	whopping	colossal	giant
slight	diminutive	petite	teensy	large	huge	sizeable	vast
quiet				loud			
silent	peaceful	muted	soft	deafening	intense	raucous	resounding
hushed	muffled	mute	reserved	roaring	thundering	booming	crashing
noiseless	speechless	soundless	inaudible	ear-piercing	piercing	deep	boisterous
old				young			
ancient	aged	decrepit	elderly	youthful	infant	juvenile	tender
mature	debilitated	getting on	seasoned	childish	budding	inexperienced	new
venerable	enfeebled	wasted	fossil	blooming	blossoming	fledgling	recent

bad				nice			
appalling	awful	gross	tiny	enjoyable	marvellous	lovely	delightful
dreadful	frightful	horrendous	hideous	great	wonderful	excellent	brilliant
nasty	terrible	unacceptable	shocking	pleasant	charming	pleasurable	swell
fast				slow			
speedy	rapid	brisk	nimble	gradual	moderate	reluctant	leisurely
swift	dashing	flashing	hurried	sluggish	crawling	dawdling	idle
hypersonic	agile	quick	racing	plodding	slack	creeping	lagging
hard (not easy)				angry			
puzzling	challenging	difficult	tricky	enraged	resentful	irate	wound up
mind-boggling	complicated	complex	laborious	worked up	indignant	seething	furious
problematic	arduous	troublesome	tough	touchy	grumpy	infuriated	bitter

People	Objects	Good Feelings	Bad Feelings	Size	Time
adorable	bright	brave	angry	big	ancient
adventurous	clear	calm	annoyed	colossal	brief
aggressive	distinct	cheerful	anxious	enormous	early
annoying	drab	comfortable	ashamed	gigantic	fast
beautiful	elegant	courageous	awful	great	late
caring	filthy	determined	bewildered	huge	modern
clumsy	gleaming	eager	bored	immense	old
confident	grotesque	elated	confused	large	quick
considerate	long	encouraged	defeated	little	rapid
excitable	magnificent	energetic	defiant	long	short
glamorous	precious	enthusiastic	depressed	mammoth	slow
grumpy	sparkling	excited	disgusted	massive	swift
happy	spotless	exuberant	disturbed	meagre	young
helpful	strange	fantastic	dizzy	mighty	
important	unsightly	fine	embarrassed	mini	
intimidating	unusual	healthy	envious	minuscule	
obnoxious	valuable	joyful	frightened	petite	
odd		pleasant	hungry	puny	
talented		relieved	lonely	short	