

# Expanded Noun Phrases

## Learn

[\(If you have access to a computer, watch the video\).](#)

### Noun phrases

A simple noun phrase is a group of words that includes a noun at its head. The noun is the main word in the phrase and other words give information about it. For example

*a cat      his toy      those shoes      the house      two children*

The example simple noun phrases above, all contain a determiner and a noun to make a noun phrase. Most noun phrases contain a determiner.

In this sentence, the noun phrase has been underlined: *Bring your children with you.*

### Expanded noun phrases

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 the writing more interesting as they help the reader to build an image in their mind.

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 sat on the beach. 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.*

## Complete these activities

If you have access to a computer, complete the 'Highlight the expanded noun phrase' and 'Expanded Noun Phrase quiz', as well as Activity 3 - If not, start on Activity 3.

### Activity 1

Complete the 'Highlight the expanded noun phrase'.

I found \_\_\_\_\_ expanded noun phrases in the story.

### Activity 2

Now test your knowledge even further by completing the Expanded Noun phrase quiz.

I scored: \_\_\_\_\_ / 5

### Activity 3

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. The cat under the bush was drenched and shivering.
6. As John sat at the bus stop, he saw three large, black cars go past.
7. From the cave, a dragon with deadly claws came crashing out.
8. At the stables, Aisha chose to ride the horse with a black mane.
9. When he reached the top, the climber stared at the vast, breath-taking view.
10. "Please pass me the keys from the top drawer," Dad said to Brian.

# Handwriting

## Riddles

A riddle is a type of poem that describes something without actually naming what it is, leaving the reader to guess.

Copy these riddles in your best handwriting:

I come in all colours,

I can keep you dry,

I don't like wind,

I can fold away,

What am I?

Answer: An umbrella

I am orange and black,

I have stripes,

Sharp claws and teeth,

I live in the jungle,

What am I?

Answer: A tiger

If you prefer, you can complete the handwriting using the 'Handwriting line guides' which can be found on the website (where you found instructions for your work), or if you have a pack, they will be in there.