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Literacy – Expanded Noun Phrases

1. Find the simple expanded noun phrase in the sentences below.

determiner - adjectives - noun

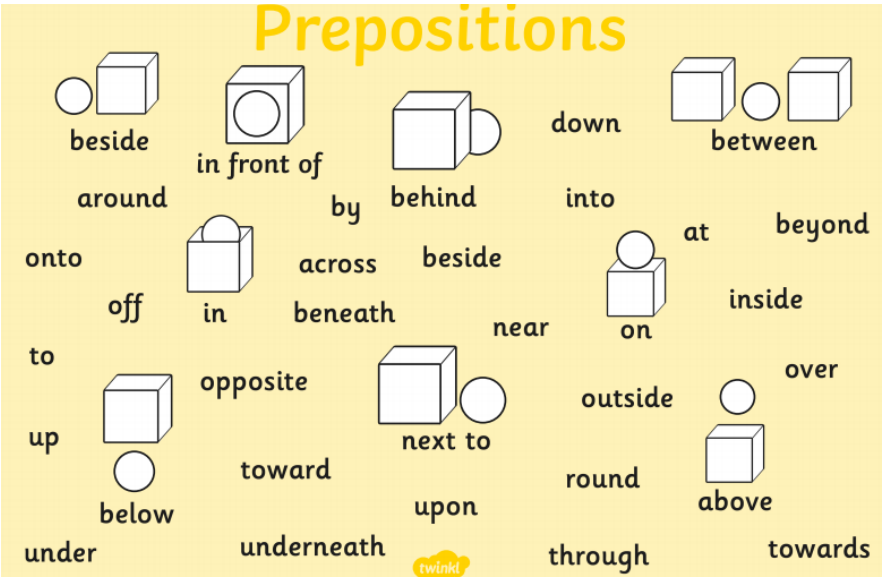
1. The brightly-coloured parrot flew through the canopy.
2. After his lunch, Harold ate a sweet, delicious chocolate brownie.
3. Under the waves, the stripy fish swam quickly through the reef.
4. In a forest clearing, a dark, mysterious jaguar sauntered by the water.
5. "Pass me the blue shoes please," Mum asked Sophia.
6. As John sat at the bus stop, he saw three large, black cars go past.

2. Find the expanded noun phrases in these sentences, but this time you are looking for an extended one (there may not be an adjective).

determiner – adjectives – noun – 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.

Remember a prepositional phrase must start with a preposition:



3. Look carefully at this picture from our book:

Can you create some expanded noun phrases based on what you see?



Determiner	Adjectives	Noun

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Help Sheet

Key Vocabulary

noun: A naming word for things, animals, people, places and feelings. Can be a common noun, proper noun, concrete noun, abstract noun or a collective noun.

comma: A punctuation mark used in a sentence to mark a slight break between different parts of a sentence or to separate clauses. Commas can be used to separate items in a list.

expanded noun phrase: A noun phrase expanded by the addition of modifying adjectives, nouns or preposition phrases.

adjective: A word which describes a noun.

prepositional phrase: A phrase which usually includes a preposition, a noun or pronoun and may include an adjective. It does not include a verb. An example would be 'beneath the duvet'.

Starting Out!

First, choose the **noun** you are going to be writing about. Be specific with your noun, e.g. instead of choosing the noun 'bird', choose 'sparrow'.



sparrow

troll

Describe It!

Now, think of adjectives or modifying nouns to describe the noun you have chosen and create an **expanded noun phrase**, e.g.

an **ugly** troll
the **small, frail** sparrow
my **maths** teacher

TOP TIP: If you are adding more than one adjective, use a comma to list them.

Extend It!

To make your expanded noun phrase even better, you could extend it with a **prepositional phrase**, e.g.

an ugly troll under the bridge

the dark, scary cave beyond the forest

the strong, brave hero with the bronze helmet



Become an Expert!

To become a noun phrase expert, you must now **level-up your adjectives** by trying to find more **ambitious synonyms** for them, e.g.

a repulsive troll under the bridge

the murky, intimidating cave beyond the forest

the muscular, valiant hero with the bronze helmet

Congratulations - you have reached expert status!

Try to remember...

Don't use too many adjectives in your noun phrases, especially when the adjectives that you have chosen mean the same thing, e.g. 'the soggy, wet boot' would sound more effective as just 'the soggy boot'.