Expanded Noun Phrase Adventure with Max and Zara

Learning objective: To identify and use expanded noun phrases to add detail and description to writing.

Read the sentences carefully and help Max the monkey and Zara the zebra improve their descriptions! Remember, an expanded noun phrase adds extra detail to a noun using adjectives or prepositional phrases.

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.A, 3.True, 4.True, 5.False, 6.The, 7.caterpillar, 8.The, 9.brave, 10.An expanded noun phrase uses adjectives to add more information about a noun (e.g., 'the fluffy, grey owl').

Word bank: adjective · description · noun · phrase · detail · pattern · colourful · ancient

1. 1. Max is looking at a fruit. Which of these is an expanded noun phrase? A) The fruit. B) The banana. C) The long, yellow banana. D) Eating. (1 mark)

2. 2. Zara is painting. Which phrase best describes her canvas? A) The bright, patterned canvas. B) Canvas. C) Painting. D) A big. (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: 'The hungry, stripey zebra' is an expanded noun phrase. (1 mark)

4. 4. True or False: You can add more than one adjective to a noun to make it an expanded noun phrase. (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: 'Ran quickly' is an example of an expanded noun phrase. (1 mark)

6. 6. Fill in the blank: _____ tall, green tree stood in the forest. (1 mark)

7. 7. Identify the noun in this phrase: 'The tiny, crawling caterpillar'. (1 mark)

8. 8. Complete the phrase: _____ sparkly, silver stars twinkled in the night sky. (1 mark)

9. 9. Add an adjective to this phrase: 'The _____ lion roared loudly.' (1 mark)

10. 10. In your own words, what is an expanded noun phrase? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of Nova the owl sitting in a tree. Add labels to your drawing using expanded noun phrases (e.g., 'The wise, feathered owl' or 'The dark, mysterious forest').

Extension challenge: Max has 3 apples that cost £1.20 each. Write a short sentence describing the apples using an expanded noun phrase, and calculate the total cost!