

Adventures with Expanded Noun Phrases

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

Max the monkey is exploring the jungle and needs your help to describe the things he finds! An expanded noun phrase adds more detail to a noun by using adjectives and prepositional phrases. Use the word bank to help you complete the sentences below by expanding the noun phrases. For each question, ensure you add at least two adjectives and one prepositional phrase.

Word bank: shimmering · golden · tangled · ancient · mysterious · high in the canopy · by the rushing river · beneath the giant fern · beside the mossy rock

1. Max found a monkey. (Expand this noun phrase to describe the monkey and its location.) (2 marks)

2. He discovered a fruit. (Expand this noun phrase to describe what the fruit looks like and where it is.) (2 marks)

3. Max climbed a tree. (Expand this noun phrase to describe the tree and its appearance.) (2 marks)

4. He spotted a map. (Expand this noun phrase to describe the map and where it is hidden.) (2 marks)

5. Write your own sentence about a treasure chest using an expanded noun phrase. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw Max the monkey standing next to one of the items you described in the questions. Make sure you include the extra details you added in your writing, such as the shimmering fruit or the ancient, tangled tree.



Extension challenge: Choose one of your expanded noun phrases and try to 'super-size' it by adding a second prepositional phrase. For example: 'The shimmering, golden fruit, which hung high in the canopy, rested beside the mossy rock.'