

Grade 3 ELA Assessment: Expanded Noun Phrases

Learning objective: To identify, use, and expand noun phrases with adjectives and prepositional phrases to add detail and interest to writing.

Read each question carefully. Use your best handwriting and check your spelling. Remember to use the BookFlik characters to help you think about your answers.

Max the monkey sat in the jungle. He saw a banana. He saw a tree. He wanted to solve a puzzle about the fruit.

Word bank: adjective · noun · preposition · description · detail · phrase · modify

1. Identify the noun phrase in this sentence: 'The clever monkey climbed the tall tree.' (2 marks)

2. Add two adjectives to the noun 'banana' in the passage to make an expanded noun phrase. (2 marks)

3. Expand the noun phrase 'the tree' from the passage by adding a prepositional phrase (e.g., 'with the golden leaves'). (3 marks)

4. Look at this sentence: 'Pip read a book.' Rewrite this sentence by adding an expanded noun phrase to describe the book, including at least two adjectives. (4 marks)

5. Explain why writers use expanded noun phrases. How do they change the way a reader imagines a scene? (4 marks)

6. Nova the owl is looking at the night sky. Write a short paragraph (3-4 sentences) about what she sees. You must include at least three different expanded noun phrases in your writing. (10 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Nova the owl looking at the stars. Label your drawing using three different expanded noun phrases (e.g., 'the bright, twinkling stars').



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Can you write a sentence about Finn the dolphin using an expanded noun phrase that includes a prepositional phrase starting with 'under', 'near', or 'above'?