

Character Creator: Expanded Noun Phrase Profile

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

Help our friend Max the monkey describe the new friends he has met in the jungle! An expanded noun phrase adds extra detail to a noun using adjectives and prepositional phrases (e.g., 'the fluffy, golden monkey with a long tail'). Use the word bank to help you build your sentences.

Word bank: shimmering · majestic · emerald · dazzling · with silver spots · in the canopy · beneath the leaves · gigantic · curious · vibrant · with a gentle smile

1. The Creature's Appearance: Describe the creature's physical look using an expanded noun phrase with at least two adjectives. (2 marks)

2. The Creature's Home: Describe where the creature lives using an expanded noun phrase that includes a prepositional phrase (e.g., 'in the...'). (2 marks)

3. The Creature's Personality: Describe how the creature acts using an expanded noun phrase to tell us more about its character. (2 marks)

4. Max's Observation: Write one final sentence about Max watching this creature, using an expanded noun phrase to describe something Max is holding or wearing. (2 marks)

5. Challenge: Look at your answers above. Can you underline the noun in each of your expanded noun phrases? (1 mark)

Extension challenge: Choose your favorite expanded noun phrase from your profile and rewrite it, adding even more detail by including a conjunction like 'which' or 'that' to extend the description further.