

Mastering Expanded Noun Phrases with Pip the Caterpillar

Learning objective: To use expanded noun phrases to convey complicated information concisely by adding adjectives and prepositional phrases.

Read each task carefully. Remember that an expanded noun phrase adds detail to a noun using adjectives or prepositional phrases (e.g., 'the fluffy, golden caterpillar on the leaf'). Use the word bank to help you build descriptive sentences.

Pip the caterpillar is exploring the garden. Use the noun phrases below to help describe Pip's surroundings.

Word bank: vibrant · ancient · mysterious · glimmering · beneath · beside · delicate · whispering · majestic · surrounding

1. Underline the noun phrase in this sentence: 'Pip sat on the enormous, green leaf.' Then, identify the noun being described. (2 marks)

2. Expand the noun phrase 'the owl' by adding two adjectives and one prepositional phrase. Write your new phrase as a full sentence. (3 marks)

3. Rewrite this sentence to include an expanded noun phrase for the word 'book': 'Pip read a book in the garden.' (2 marks)

4. Look at the phrase 'the shiny, silver treasure hidden inside the trunk.' Identify which part is the adjective and which part is the prepositional phrase. (2 marks)

5. Create an expanded noun phrase for the noun 'garden' that uses a prepositional phrase starting with the word 'beside'. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw Pip the caterpillar sitting on a 'giant, crinkled leaf' near a 'sparkling, crystal stream' in an 'enchanted, sun-drenched forest'. Label your drawing using at least two expanded noun phrases.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph (3-4 sentences) describing a magical object you found in the woods. You must include at least three different expanded noun phrases in your description.