

Adventures in Adjectives: Expanded Noun Phrases

Learning objective: To expand noun phrases with the addition of adjectives and prepositional phrases to add detail and description to writing.

Read the short story about Max the monkey's jungle expedition. Use the word bank to help you expand the noun phrases in the sentences below, ensuring your writing is descriptive and vivid.

Max the monkey swung through the jungle. He climbed a tree to reach a fruit. Beneath him, a river flowed towards the horizon. He spotted a map hidden inside a box. Max felt excited to begin his journey.

Word bank: ancient · emerald · sparkling · tangled · vibrant · mysterious · towering · golden

1. Find the noun phrase 'the jungle' in the first sentence. Rewrite the sentence, adding two adjectives to expand the noun phrase. (2 marks)

2. Expand the noun phrase 'a tree' by adding an adjective and a prepositional phrase (e.g., 'a towering tree with thick branches'). (2 marks)

3. Look at the phrase 'a river'. Rewrite the sentence using an expanded noun phrase that includes a prepositional phrase to describe where the river is flowing. (2 marks)

4. Expand the noun phrase 'a box' using at least two adjectives and one prepositional phrase. (2 marks)

5. Explain why adding expanded noun phrases makes a story more interesting for the reader. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw Max the monkey standing in the middle of a lush, detailed jungle. Make sure to include the 'towering tree', the 'sparkling river', and the 'mysterious box' you described in your answers.



Extension challenge: Write two new sentences about an object Nova the owl might find while stargazing. Include at least one expanded noun phrase in each sentence using a prepositional phrase starting with 'in', 'on', or 'with'.