

Adjective Adventures with Pip and Zara

Learning objective: To identify, select, and use expanded noun phrases to add detail and precision to writing.

Read each task carefully. Use your knowledge of adjectives to make your sentences more vivid and descriptive. Remember that adjectives describe nouns or pronouns.

Word bank: shimmering · enormous · ancient · vibrant · fragile · mysterious · clumsy · radiant

1. Pip the caterpillar is looking for adjectives to describe his favourite book. Rewrite this sentence by adding two appropriate adjectives to the noun phrase: 'Pip opened the book.' (2 marks)

2. Zara the zebra is painting a picture of the savannah. Circle the two adjectives in this sentence: 'The vibrant sun set behind the tall, golden grass.' (2 marks)

3. Choose two adjectives from the word bank to complete this sentence about a discovery: 'Kit the fox found a _____ map inside the _____ chest.' (2 marks)

4. Rewrite the following simple sentence to include an expanded noun phrase and a prepositional phrase to show where the object is: 'The apple sat on the table.' (3 marks)

5. Explain why a writer might choose the word 'colossal' instead of 'big' when describing an elephant like Ellie. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene featuring Nova the owl sitting in a forest. Label your drawing using at least four interesting adjectives to describe Nova and her surroundings (e.g., 'silky feathers', 'twinkling stars').



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph (3-4 sentences) describing a busy marketplace. Challenge yourself to use at least one adjective for every noun you include!