

Mastering Expanded Noun Phrases with Pip the Bookworm

Learning objective: To identify and create expanded noun phrases by adding adjectives and prepositional phrases to nouns.

Use these flashcards to test your knowledge of expanded noun phrases. Read the front of the card, think of the answer, then check the back to see if you are correct!

What is a noun phrase?

A group of words built around a noun, such as 'the friendly caterpillar'.

What is an expanded noun phrase?

A noun phrase that has been made more descriptive by adding adjectives or prepositional phrases.

Identify the adjectives in this phrase: 'The dusty, ancient book.'

dusty, ancient

Expand the noun 'monkey' using two adjectives.

Example: The energetic, mischievous monkey.

What does a prepositional phrase tell us about a noun?

It tells us where or when the noun is (e.g., 'the owl in the tree').

Add a prepositional phrase to this noun phrase: 'The shiny telescope...'

Example: The shiny telescope on the wooden desk.

True or False: An expanded noun phrase must have at least three adjectives.

False. It just needs to be expanded with extra detail, such as an adjective or a prepositional phrase.

Identify the prepositional phrase in: 'The brave lion with the golden mane.'

with the golden mane

Turn the simple noun 'flower' into an expanded noun phrase.

Example: The vibrant, sweet-smelling flower in the garden.

Why do writers use expanded noun phrases?

To add extra detail, create vivid imagery, and make writing more interesting for the reader.