

Grade 4 ELA Assessment: Expanded Noun Phrases

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

Read each question carefully. Use your knowledge of adjectives, prepositional phrases, and noun modifiers to complete the tasks. Write clearly and check your spelling and punctuation.

Max the monkey sat in the rainforest. He looked at the trees. He held a piece of fruit. He spotted a bird sitting on a branch.

Word bank: shimmering · ancient · glistening · mysterious · vibrant · towering · beneath · covered in · filled with

1. Identify the noun phrase in the following sentence: 'The clever monkey climbed the tall tree.' (1 mark)

2. Expand the noun 'fruit' from the passage using two adjectives and one prepositional phrase. Write your new expanded noun phrase as a full sentence. (3 marks)

3. Add a prepositional phrase to the noun phrase 'The bird' to show where it is located. Write your answer below. (2 marks)

4. Circle the adjectives in this expanded noun phrase: 'The shimmering, vibrant leaves of the ancient oak tree.' Explain why adding these adjectives improves the quality of the writing. (4 marks)

5. Look at the passage provided at the start of the paper. Rewrite the passage, expanding at least three of the noun phrases to make the rainforest setting sound more descriptive and engaging for the reader. (10 marks)

6. Create your own expanded noun phrase using the noun 'owl' (Nova) that includes at least two adjectives and one prepositional phrase. (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Nova the owl perched in a tree. Label your drawing using at least three different expanded noun phrases, for example: 'the wise, speckled owl with bright yellow eyes'.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Write a short paragraph (3-4 sentences) describing a hidden treasure chest using an expanded noun phrase in every sentence.