

Max's Magnificent Expanded Noun Phrases Quiz

Learning objective: To identify and create expanded noun phrases to add detail and description to writing.

Max the monkey is busy counting the details in the rainforest! Read the questions carefully and use your knowledge of adjectives and prepositional phrases to help him describe his jungle home. Each correct answer is worth 1 mark.

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.A, 3.True, 4.B, 5.C, 6.False, 7.The, 8.glistening, 9.True, 10.A. (Explanation: An expanded noun phrase adds extra information to a noun using adjectives or prepositional phrases).

Word bank: adjective · noun · preposition · detail · description · phrase

1. 1. Which is an example of an expanded noun phrase? A) The monkey. B) The monkey climbed. C) The mischievous, chatter-filled monkey. D) Quickly climbed. (Select A, B, C or D)* (1 mark)

2. 2. What is the noun in the phrase 'the bright, yellow sun'? A) sun B) bright C) yellow D) the (Select A, B, C or D)* (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: An expanded noun phrase must always include a verb. (1 mark)

4. 4. Which adjective could expand the noun 'caterpillar'? A) quickly B) striped C) crawling D) under (Select A, B, C or D)* (1 mark)

5. 5. Which phrase uses a prepositional phrase to expand the noun? A) The big, blue book. B) The lovely, old friend. C) The book on the dusty shelf. D) The friendly, quiet owl. (Select A, B, C or D)* (1 mark)

6. 6. True or False: You can only have one adjective in an expanded noun phrase. (1 mark)

7. 7. Fill in the blank: '_____ tall, leafy trees swayed in the wind.' (1 mark)

8. 8. Add an adjective to this phrase: The _____ river flowed through the valley. (1 mark)

9. 9. True or False: Expanded noun phrases help the reader create a clearer picture in their mind. (1 mark)

10. 10. Which word is an adjective? A) shimmering B) jump C) forest D) loudly (Select A, B, C or D)* (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of Pip the caterpillar sitting on a 'gigantic, emerald-green leaf with sparkling dew drops'. Label your expanded noun phrase.



Extension challenge: Max has found three items in the jungle: a coconut, a vine, and a stone. Write three separate expanded noun phrases for these items, using at least two adjectives and one prepositional phrase for each.