

The Master of Adjectives: Crafting Expanded Noun Phrases

Learning objective: To expand noun phrases using adjectives and prepositional phrases to add detail and precision to writing.

Pip the bookworm caterpillar is writing a story about a magical library, but he has forgotten to describe the objects! Look at the 'Basic Noun' provided. Your task is to expand it by adding at least two interesting adjectives before the noun, and one prepositional phrase after the noun to show where or what it is. Follow the format: [Adjective] + [Adjective] + [Noun] + [Prepositional Phrase].

Word bank: ancient · dusty · glowing · mysterious · forgotten · velvet · whispering · tarnished · shimmering · ornate · beside the window · under the staircase · on the top shelf · within the leather binding · behind the heavy curtain · tucked inside the trunk

1. Expand the noun: 'The book'. (2 marks)

2. Expand the noun: 'The key'. (2 marks)

3. Expand the noun: 'The lantern'. (2 marks)

4. Justify your answer: Why does adding a prepositional phrase change the image in the reader's mind compared to using adjectives alone? (3 marks)

5. Compare and contrast: How does changing the adjective 'dusty' to 'glowing' alter the tone of your sentence? (3 marks)

6. What might happen if you removed all the adjectives from a descriptive paragraph? Explain the impact on the reader's experience. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene featuring an 'ornate, shimmering lantern sitting on the top shelf' of a library. Make sure your drawing reflects the detail you used in your expanded noun phrase.



Extension challenge: Write a short, three-sentence paragraph about a hidden treasure found in Pip's library. Each sentence must contain at least one expanded noun phrase that includes a prepositional phrase starting with a word like 'above', 'beneath', or 'amidst'.