

Max's Magnificent Maths Shop: Expanded Noun Phrase Challenge

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

Max the monkey is stocking his shop. Help him describe his items using expanded noun phrases.

Remember: an expanded noun phrase adds extra detail to a noun using adjectives or prepositional phrases.

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.A, 3.True, 4.True, 5.The old, dusty book, 6.The vibrant, colourful map, 7.The heavy, silver key, 8.Yes, because 'with a sturdy handle' describes the noun 'basket'. 9.Answers will vary (e.g., The enormous, ancient telescope stood in the corner). 10.Answers will vary (e.g., The clever monkey, wearing a bright blue waistcoat, sold the items).

Word bank: shimmering · meticulous · enormous · intricate · vibrant · beside the counter · with a golden clasp · made of polished oak

1. 1. Which option is an expanded noun phrase? A) The monkey. B) The shop. C) The shimmering, golden compass. D) Quickly. (1 mark)

2. 2. Choose the phrase that best expands 'the map': A) The intricate, hand-drawn map. B) The map drawn. C) The map. D) Intricate map. (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: Adding a prepositional phrase, such as 'by the window', helps expand a noun phrase. (True/False) (1 mark)

4. 4. True or False: 'The hungry, small monkey' contains two adjectives modifying the noun 'monkey'. (True/False) (1 mark)

5. 5. Identify the noun phrase in this sentence: 'Max picked up the old, dusty book.' (1 mark)

6. 6. Add two adjectives to expand this noun phrase: 'The ____ map.' (1 mark)

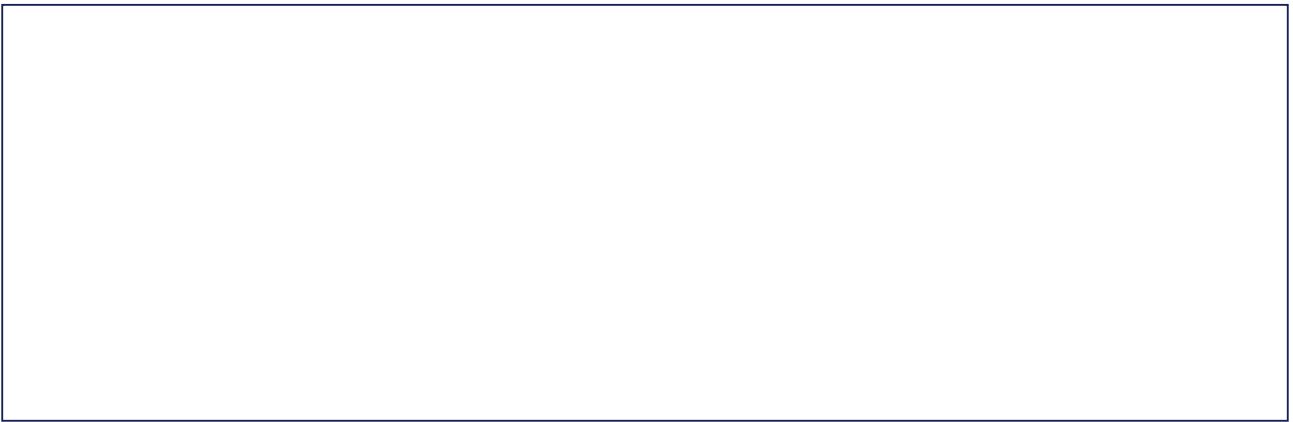
7. 7. Add a prepositional phrase to expand this noun phrase: 'The key ____.' (1 mark)

8. 8. Justify your answer: Is 'the wicker basket with a sturdy handle' an expanded noun phrase? Explain why. (2 marks)

9. 9. Compare and contrast: What is the difference in effect between 'the telescope' and 'the enormous, ancient telescope standing in the corner'? (2 marks)

10. 10. What might happen to the reader's understanding of a story if an author stopped using expanded noun phrases entirely? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw Max the monkey standing in his shop. Include at least three items that you have labelled with a creative expanded noun phrase, such as 'the chipped, ceramic mug with a painted star'.



Extension challenge: Write a short, descriptive paragraph (4-6 sentences) about a mysterious object Nova the owl found in the woods. You must include at least four different expanded noun phrases to help the reader visualise the object clearly.