

Year 3 English: Mastering Expanded Noun Phrases

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

Read each question carefully. Use your knowledge of adjectives and nouns to complete the tasks. Write your answers clearly in the spaces provided.

Max the monkey sat in the jungle. He saw a tree. High above, a bird flew past. Nearby, a river flowed over rocks.

Word bank: shimmering · ancient · enormous · gentle · vibrant · mysterious · cloudy · spiky

1. Identify the noun phrase in this sentence: 'Max sat under the tall, green tree.' (1 mark)

2. Add two adjectives to the noun 'monkey' to create an expanded noun phrase. Write a full sentence using your phrase. (3 marks)

3. Using the passage provided, rewrite the sentence 'He saw a tree' by adding an expanded noun phrase to describe the tree. Use at least two adjectives. (4 marks)

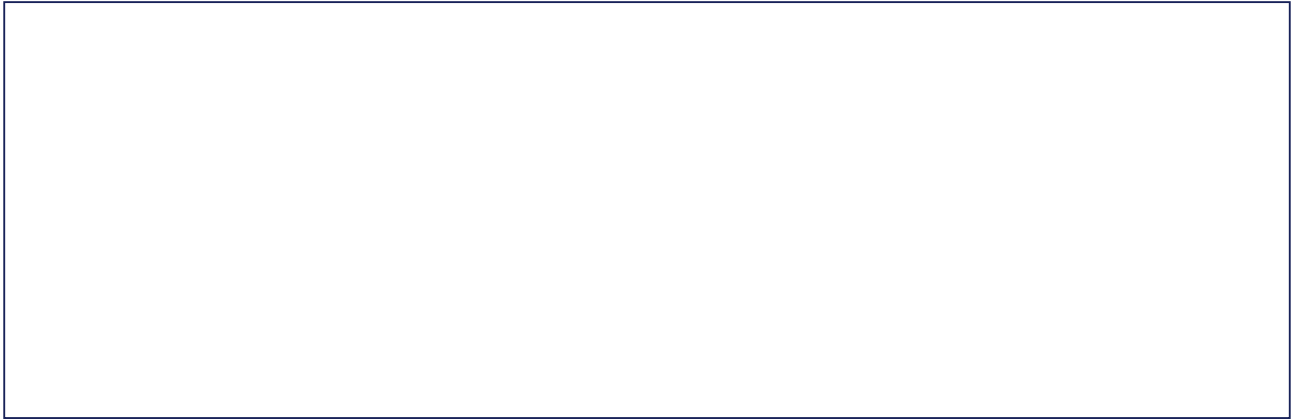
4. Circle the adjectives in this list that would best describe a 'river': [slimy, winding, sparkling, grumpy, fast-flowing]. Explain why you chose your two words. (4 marks)

5. Expand the noun phrase 'the river' by adding an adjective before the noun and a prepositional phrase after it (e.g., 'the blue river by the rocks'). (3 marks)

6. The sentence 'The bird flew' is too simple. Rewrite this sentence using an expanded noun phrase for the bird and a prepositional phrase to describe where it was flying. Use at least 25 words in your response. (5 marks)

7. True or False: An expanded noun phrase must always contain a verb. Explain your answer. (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Pip the caterpillar exploring a garden. Label your drawing using at least three different expanded noun phrases (e.g., 'the bright red flower').



Extension challenge: Total: /25