

Max the Monkey's Magical Creature Description

Learning objective: To use expanded noun phrases to add detail and interest to descriptions.

Max the monkey is looking for new creatures in the rainforest! Help him describe the animals he finds by using expanded noun phrases. Remember: an expanded noun phrase adds extra information to a noun using adjectives and prepositions (e.g., 'the fluffy, golden monkey with bright eyes'). Fill in the sections below to help Max with his research.

Word bank: shimmering · enormous · gentle · spotted · vibrant · with long whiskers · under the canopy · beside the river · glittering

1. Choose an animal Max has discovered. Write an expanded noun phrase to describe its appearance using at least two adjectives. (2 marks)

2. Describe where the creature is hiding. Use a prepositional phrase to expand your noun phrase (e.g., 'the shy creature in the tall tree'). (2 marks)

3. Write a sentence describing the creature's favourite snack. Can you include an expanded noun phrase for the snack? (3 marks)

4. Look at your answers above. How do your expanded noun phrases help the reader imagine what the creature looks like? (2 marks)

5. Max found a 'spotted, fast leopard'. Rewrite this phrase to be even more descriptive by adding another adjective and a prepositional phrase. (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Can you write a short paragraph of three sentences about a creature you have invented? Try to use at least one expanded noun phrase in every sentence.