

## Adventures with Pip the Bookworm

*Learning objective: To identify and use expanded noun phrases to add detail and description to sentences.*

Read the story about Pip the Bookworm below. Look for the expanded noun phrases—these are groups of words that describe a noun using adjectives and prepositional phrases. Complete the tasks to show how much detail you can add to your writing!

Pip the bookworm crawled onto a big leaf. He carried a small book under his arm. He looked up at the sky and saw a bright star. Suddenly, he spotted a golden key hidden in the grass. Pip felt very happy as he crawled towards the mysterious treasure.

*Word bank: sparkling · enormous · dusty · colourful · ancient · magical · beside the oak tree · with shiny wings*

**1. Find an expanded noun phrase in the passage that describes the key. Write it down below. (1 mark)**

**2. Rewrite the sentence 'He carried a small book under his arm' by adding two adjectives to describe the book. (2 marks)**

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**3. Look at the phrase 'the mysterious treasure'. Can you add a prepositional phrase to tell us where it is? (e.g., 'the mysterious treasure in the garden') (2 marks)**

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**4. Expand the noun 'sky' by adding an adjective and a prepositional phrase to create a more descriptive sentence. (2 marks)**

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**5. Why do writers use expanded noun phrases in their stories? Explain your answer in one sentence. (2 marks)**

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**Draw:** Draw a picture of Pip the bookworm discovering the golden key. Include at least two expanded noun phrases from your work in your drawing labels (e.g., label the key as 'the heavy, golden key').



*Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph about what Pip finds when he uses the golden key to open a hidden door. Try to include at least three expanded noun phrases in your writing!*