

Adventures with Nova the Owl: Expanding Our Descriptions

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

Help Nova the Owl describe her favourite places! Use an adjective, then another adjective, followed by the noun (e.g., 'the bright, twinkling stars'). Use the word bank to help you build your sentences.

Nova the owl flew over the vast, sleepy forest as the moon began to rise.

Word bank: sparkling · ancient · fluffy · mysterious · gentle · vast · with · that · hidden · shimmering

1. Nova spots a tree. Describe the tree using two adjectives and the noun: The _____ tree stood tall in the moonlight. (2 marks)

2. Look at the night sky. Write a sentence using an expanded noun phrase to describe the moon:

(3 marks)

3. Nova finds a hidden pond. Describe the water using an expanded noun phrase:

(3 marks)

4. Describe the feathers on Nova's wings using two adjectives and the noun:

(3 marks)

5. Think of a small creature Nova might see. Write a sentence about it using an expanded noun phrase:

(3 marks)

Extension challenge: Can you write a short paragraph (3-4 sentences) about a secret cave Nova found, using at least two expanded noun phrases in every sentence?