

Expanding Adventures with Max and Zara

Learning objective: To use expanded noun phrases to add detail, precision, and imagery to descriptive writing.

Max the monkey is helping Zara the zebra write a guidebook about their magical forest. A noun phrase is a group of words based on a noun (e.g., 'the tree'). An expanded noun phrase adds extra detail using adjectives or prepositional phrases (e.g., 'the ancient, gnarled oak tree in the centre of the grove'). Use the words from the word bank to expand the simple noun phrases provided in the questions below. You must include at least two adjectives and one prepositional phrase for each answer.

Word bank: shimmering · emerald · gossamer · misty · craggy · verdant · beneath · beside · encircled by · towering · vibrant

1. Expand the phrase: 'The waterfall'. (3 marks)

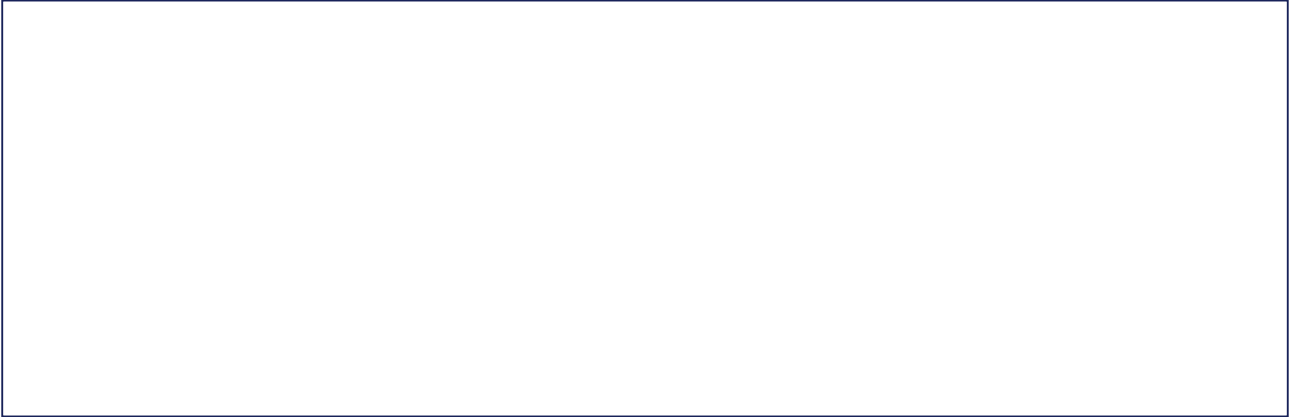
2. Expand the phrase: 'The mountain path'. (3 marks)

3. Expand the phrase: 'The wildflowers'. (3 marks)

4. Expand the phrase: 'The zebra'. (3 marks)

5. Expand the phrase: 'The monkey'. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene from the forest described by Max and Zara. Label three items in your drawing using the expanded noun phrases you created in the questions above.



Extension challenge: Choose one of your expanded noun phrases and write a full sentence that uses it to describe a moment of action, such as Max climbing or Zara painting.