

Mastering Expanded Noun Phrases with Max the Monkey

Learning objective: To identify and construct expanded noun phrases to add detail and description to writing, as required by the Year 6 English curriculum.

Use these flashcards to test your knowledge of expanded noun phrases. Max the Monkey loves to turn simple sentences into detailed descriptions. Read the front of the card, then flip it to check if you can expand the noun phrase correctly.

What is a noun phrase?

A group of words built around a noun that tells us more about it, such as 'the curious monkey'.

What is an expanded noun phrase?

A noun phrase that includes at least one adjective or prepositional phrase to add extra detail.

Expand the noun phrase 'The apple' using one adjective.

The crisp, red apple.

Add a prepositional phrase to 'The book' to expand it.

The book on the dusty shelf.

Expand 'The lion' using two adjectives and a prepositional phrase.

The brave, gentle lion with a golden mane.

Identify the noun phrase in: 'Pip read the fascinating story about space.'

The fascinating story about space.

True or False: An expanded noun phrase must contain a verb.

False. Noun phrases describe things, not actions.

Expand 'The dolphin' with an adjective and a prepositional phrase.

The playful dolphin in the deep ocean.

Why do we use expanded noun phrases in our writing?

To provide vivid imagery, add detail, and make our writing more engaging for the reader.

Expand 'The forest' using a prepositional phrase.

The forest behind the ancient castle.

Create an expanded noun phrase for 'The bee' using two adjectives.

The busy, golden bee.

Turn 'The parrot' into an expanded noun phrase with an adjective and a prepositional phrase.

The colourful, bilingual parrot on the wooden perch.