

Expanded Noun Phrase Adventure with Max the Monkey

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

Help Max the Monkey solve these maths-style language puzzles! Read each question carefully and select or write the correct answer. Remember: an expanded noun phrase adds extra information to a noun using adjectives or prepositional phrases.

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.True, 3.False, 4.A, 5.The golden, sparkling crown, 6.True, 7.B, 8.A, 9.False, 10.An ancient, dusty map found in the attic.

Word bank: adjective · noun · prepositional phrase · description · detail · modifier

1. 1. Which of these is an example of an expanded noun phrase? A) The monkey climbed. B) Quickly. C) The clever, curious monkey with bright eyes. D) A tree. (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: An expanded noun phrase must always include at least one adjective. (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: 'The heavy, wooden door' is an expanded noun phrase because it contains a verb. (1 mark)

4. 4. Identify the noun phrase: 'The shiny, silver key under the mat.' A) The shiny, silver key under the mat B) The shiny C) Silver key D) Under the mat (1 mark)

5. 5. Expand this noun phrase by adding two adjectives: 'The crown'. (1 mark)

6. 6. True or False: You can use a prepositional phrase (e.g., 'with...', 'in...') to expand a noun phrase. (1 mark)

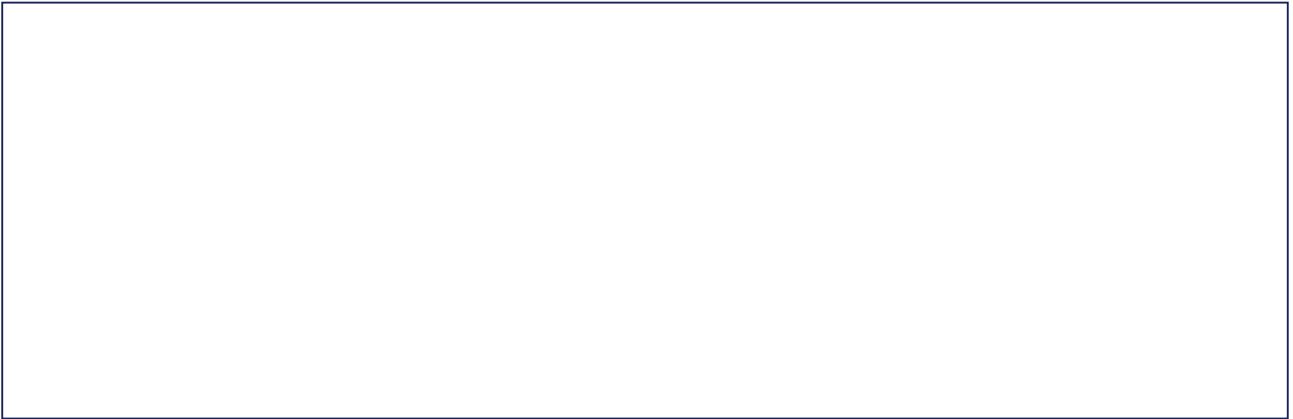
7. 7. Which phrase uses a prepositional phrase to expand the noun? A) The big, blue ball. B) The big ball in the garden. C) The ball is big. D) The blue, bouncy ball. (1 mark)

8. 8. Choose the most descriptive expanded noun phrase: A) The jagged, snow-capped mountain peak. B) The mountain. C) The big, high mountain. D) The mountain peak. (1 mark)

9. 9. True or False: An expanded noun phrase can be used as a full sentence on its own. (1 mark)

10. 10. Write an expanded noun phrase using the noun 'map'. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw Max the Monkey holding an 'ancient, dusty map' while standing under a 'tall, leafy tree with hanging vines'. Label the expanded noun phrases in your drawing.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph about a treasure hunt. Challenge yourself to include at least three different expanded noun phrases to make your description more vivid for the reader.