

Mastering Expanded Noun Phrases with Pip the Bookworm

Learning objective: To be able to expand noun phrases using adjectives and prepositional phrases to add detail and precision to writing.

Read each question carefully. Use your knowledge of nouns, adjectives, and prepositional phrases to create descriptive and engaging sentences. Pip the Bookworm is waiting to see your wonderful vocabulary choices!

An expanded noun phrase adds detail to a noun by using adjectives (to describe) and prepositional phrases (to show position or relationship). Example: The book (noun) -> The ancient, leather-bound book (adjectives) on the mahogany shelf (prepositional phrase).

Word bank: magnificent · ancient · shimmering · cluttered · dazzling · mysterious · glistening · intricate · vibrant · dusty

1. Pip found a hat. Expand this noun phrase by adding two adjectives and one prepositional phrase to describe where the hat was found. (2 marks)

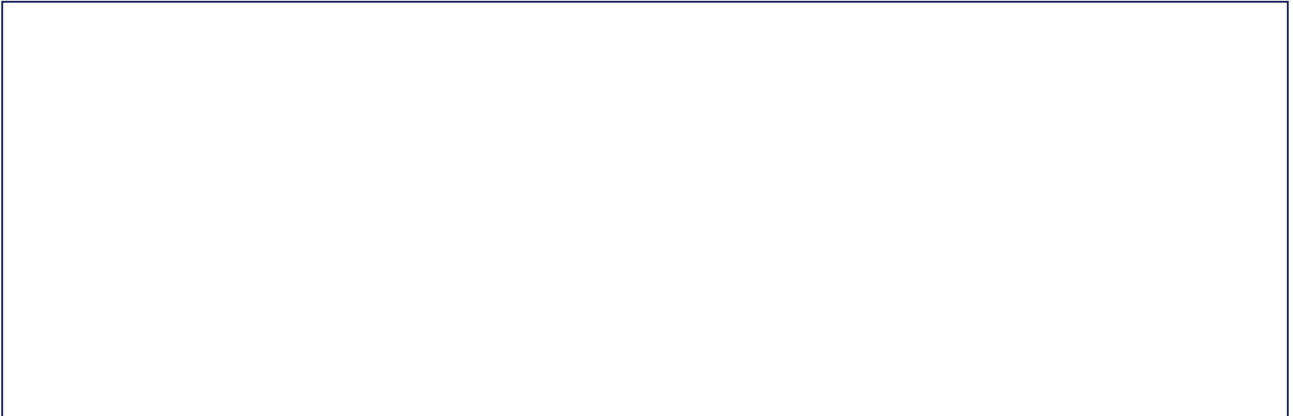
2. Identify the noun phrase in this sentence: 'The curious, wide-eyed owl perched upon the gnarled oak branch.' Then, underline the prepositional phrase. (2 marks)

3. Rewrite the following simple noun phrase to include a powerful adjective and a prepositional phrase: 'The butterfly.' (2 marks)

4. Look at this sentence: 'Max the monkey ate a banana.' Expand the noun phrase 'a banana' to include more detail about its appearance and where it came from. (2 marks)

5. Write your own sentence about an adventure in a library using an expanded noun phrase that contains at least three adjectives. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene featuring Pip the Bookworm sitting inside a giant, hollowed-out tree library. Include at least three items that you can describe with expanded noun phrases (e.g., a glowing lantern, a dusty map, a colourful bookmark).



Extension challenge: Choose an object in your classroom. Write a paragraph of three sentences using expanded noun phrases to describe it so vividly that a partner would be able to guess what it is without you naming it.