

LO: To know how to identify and use expanded noun phrases.

You will need to work through the following steps...

1. **Understand** the meaning of an expanded noun phrase
2. **Identify** expanded noun phrases in sentences
3. **Use** expanded noun phrases in **sentences**
4. **Use** expanded noun phrases **effectively in a short paragraph**



Step 1: Understand

To get you thinking, watch this...

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zwwp8mn/articles/z3nfw6f>

and this...

<https://youtu.be/8GGWlr11Bio>

1. Expanded noun phrases include one **noun** as well as words to describe it. For example:

The black dog...

The **noun** 'dog' has been expanded to a noun phrase using the **adjective** 'black'. We use the **determiner** 'the' to know we are talking about one, specific dog.

2. This could be expanded further using adjectives in a list. For example:

The mischievous, black dog...

3. Expanded noun phrases might also include a **prepositional phrase**...

The mischievous, black dog with the wagging tail...

More expanded noun phrase examples...

The snarling dragon roared ferociously.

There was a sinister, derelict house.

We walked to the great, old oak tree at the bottom of the garden.

She handed me a worn wooden box with strange shapes carved on the lid.

Step 2: Identify



Identify the expanded noun phrases in the sentences below. The mark scheme for this part of the work will be attached.

Please use it to check back your answers before moving on to the next part 😊

1. A brightly coloured parrot soared through the canopy.
2. The cat under the bush was drenched and shivering.
3. From the cave, a dragon with hook-like claws emerged.
4. "Whose is this lidless purple pen?" asked Miss Orson.
5. An endless, breathtaking view stretched out before them.
6. Make sure you water the cactus on the windowsill while I'm gone.
7. The wizard in the purple robe stared intently at the King.
8. "Pass me the keys from the top drawer!" shouted Dad to Brian.

Step 3: Use in sentences



Can you find **the man**? No? Perhaps my instruction is not specific enough.

What about if I say can you find **the smiling, strong man with a blue hat and an axe**?

Can you write five detailed expanded noun phrases to describe a person for someone else to find?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Step 4: Use effectively in a short paragraph.



I have just finished watching a documentary about a rainforest! This inspired me to come up with a short paragraph about a jaguar, using LOTS OF expanded noun phrases...

The predatory, enormous, dangerous jaguar with yellow eyes and a long tail walked proudly through the dense rainforest. It hid quietly beneath some huge, lush leaves. All of a sudden, a helpless, unwitting and gentle tapir came into view. It was an easy, delicious victim.

What do you think? Is it **effective**? Expanded noun phrases should be used carefully and to help your reader imagine characters or settings. Here they have been overused and it ruins the flow of the piece.

Can you rewrite my short paragraph using expanded noun phrases effectively? The two animals should be described while building lots of suspense.

