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Using expanded noun phrases

How do you use expanded noun phrases to give complicated information?



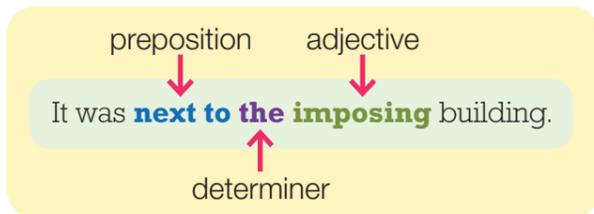
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A noun is a word for a person, place or thing.

There are different types of noun: common (car, dog) and proper (London, Kate).

A proper noun always starts with a capital letter.

A noun phrase contains a noun as its main word and often contains a determiner, preposition or adjective.

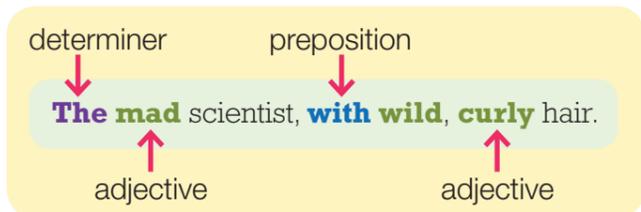


Key words

expanded noun phrase

An **expanded noun phrase** has additional information about a noun.

scientist can be expanded to.



You can have more than one expanded noun phrase about different nouns in the same sentence. You could develop the example above to become:



You can take this even further!

The mad scientist, with wild, curly hair, strode purposefully into his cluttered laboratory, closing **the heavy oak door** loudly behind him.

In 21 words, we have built up a detailed picture of the scientist, the laboratory and the door.

We could keep on adding more details.

Tip

Use your imagination to let you see what you are writing about. Then tell your readers everything about it. Make your descriptions really detailed.

- colour
- material
- size
- position

Activities

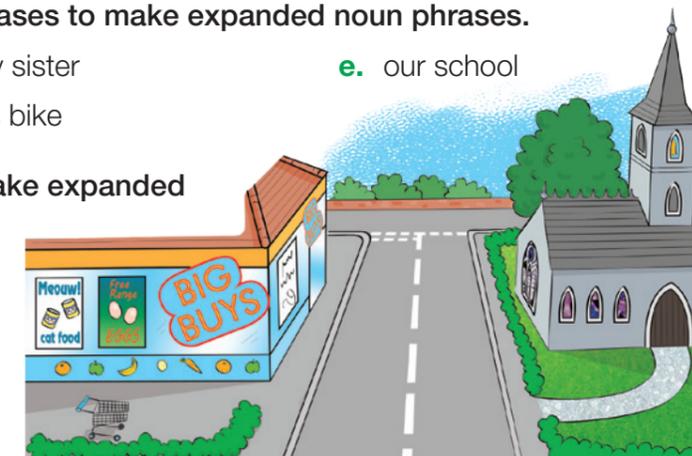


1. Add two words to each of these phrases to make expanded noun phrases.

- a. the teacher
- b. some rabbits
- c. my sister
- d. his bike
- e. our school

2. Use the following prepositions to make expanded noun phrases about a building.

- a. opposite
- b. on
- c. behind
- d. against



3. Use the example below to build up a sentence containing an expanded noun phrase about an animal.

- rabbits (noun)
- the rabbits (noun phrase)
- all of the rabbits in the area round my home (expanded noun phrase)
- All of the rabbits in the area round my home seem to be grey. (sentence)

4. Write two sentences containing two expanded noun phrases about the following.

- a. a clown
- b. a film star
- c. a bus



5. Write a sentence containing three different noun phrases about: a boy, a book and his bedroom.



6. With a partner, make a list of three nouns. Share your list with another pair. Choose one of your lists and develop it into a sentence containing three expanded noun phrases.