

Y4 Expanded Noun Phrases

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1. Worked example

Expand 'the boots' with an adjective and a noun describer

Step 1 · Choose a noun that says what kind of boots
football boots, walking boots, wellington boots

Step 2 · Add an adjective in front
the muddy football boots

Answer: the muddy football boots

Check: boots is still the head noun. muddy is an adjective, football is a noun doing a describing job.

2. Now try one with the steps

Add a prepositional phrase after the noun: 'the castle'

Step 1 · Pick a preposition to say where or with what

Step 2 · Build the phrase and put it after the noun

Answer:

3. Practice

Have a go at each one. There is space underneath to work it out.

1. What is the head noun in 'the old wooden bench'?

2. What is the head noun in 'a chocolate cake with pink icing'?

3. Find the prepositional phrase: 'the bird on the fence'

4. Find the noun used describer: 'the school bus'

5. Add an adjective to 'the river'.

6. Add a prepositional phrase to 'the cat'.

7. Add a noun describer to 'the shoes' to say what they are for.

8. How many adjectives are in 'the tall, dark, silent tower'?

9. Put commas in the list of adjectives: 'the long winding gloomy tunnel'

10. Expand 'a spider' with two adjectives and a prepositional phrase.

11. Rewrite with a more precise noun phrase: 'The big tree fell.'

12. Which is the head noun in 'the rugby team from Cardiff'?

13. Write a noun phrase for a story setting using all three ways to expand.

14. Explain why 'the shaggy sheepdog' is better than 'the nice dog'.

4. Before you hand it in

the big, huge, large, enormous giant

Choose two that add different details: the enormous, one-eyed giant.

Thinking 'football' in 'football boots' is the thing being described.

Ask 'What is it?' The answer is the head noun.

the gloomy forest dark

the dark, gloomy forest. Prepositional phrases are the part that goes after: the dark forest beyond the hills.

Expanding every noun in every sentence.

Save expanded noun phrases for the people, places and objects that matter most.