

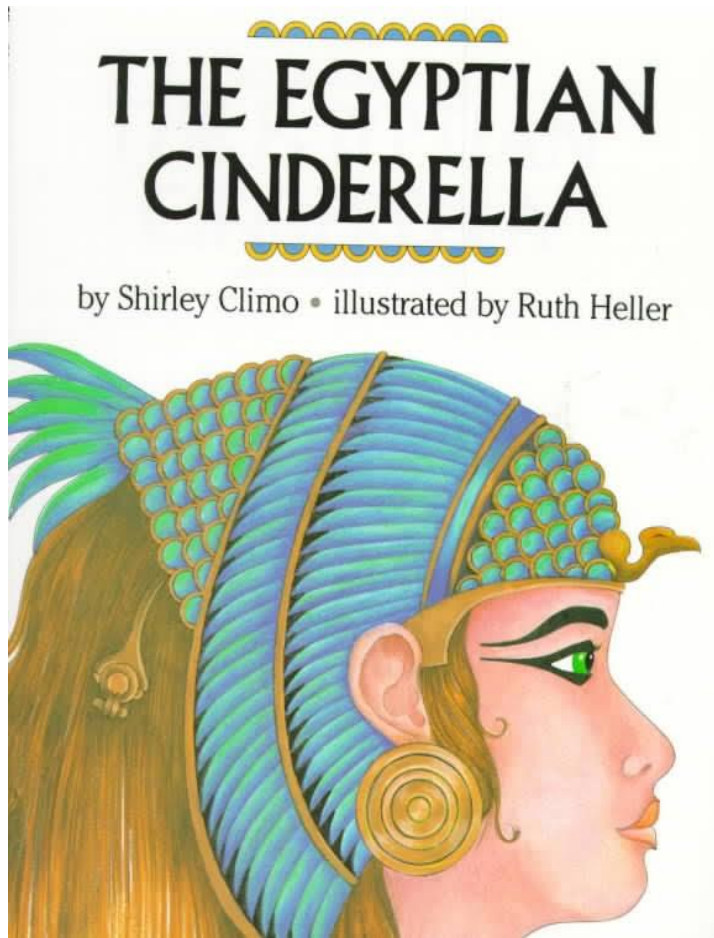
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- This term we will be looking at two different stories:

Egyptian Cinderella and Pepe and the Secret Names.

We will be comparing and contrasting settings across a range of stories.

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This week we will be focusing on Egyptian Cinderella and writing a setting description.

What do you think the story is about?

Have you read any stories that are similar?

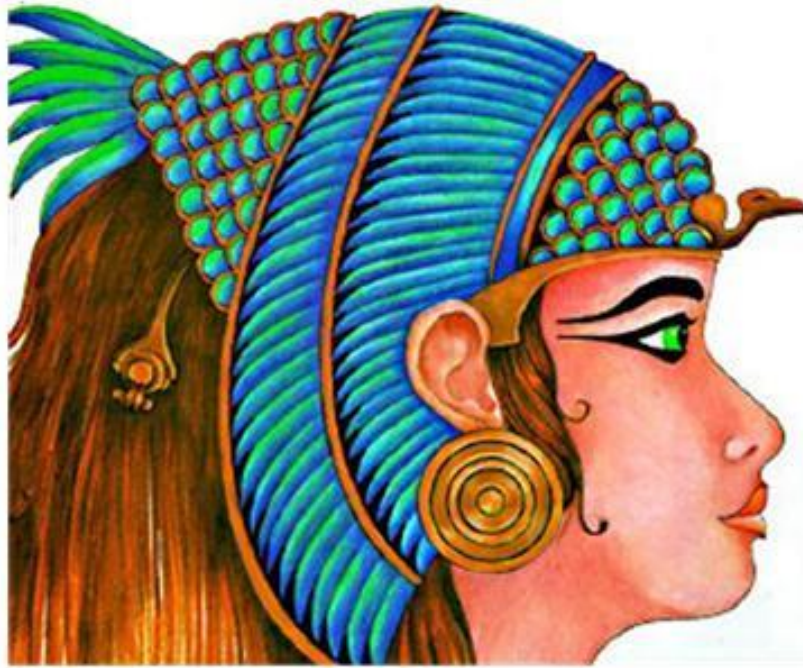
- We will now read the story



THE EGYPTIAN CINDERELLA



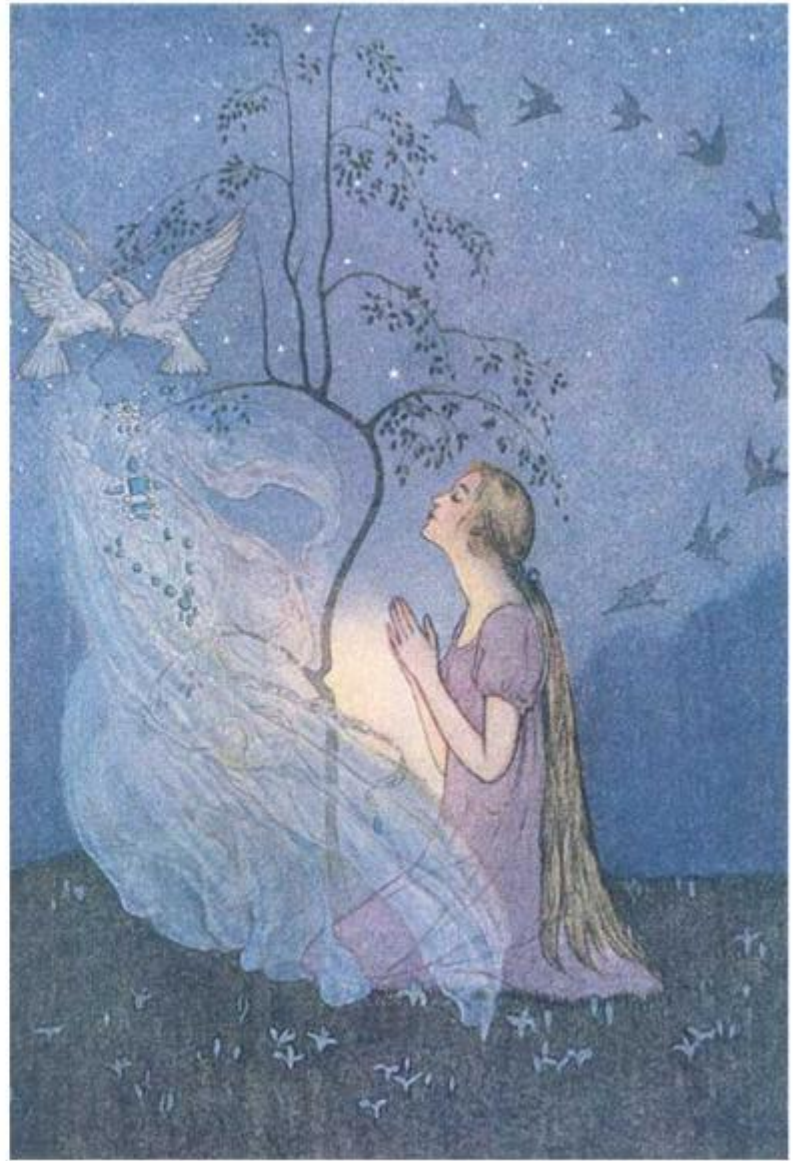
"Long ago in the land of Egypt where the green water of the Nile River flows into the blue water of the Mediterranean Sea lived a young maiden named Rhodopis." Rhodopis was born in Greece but was kidnapped by pirates and carried down into Egypt where she was sold into slavery. Her owner turned out to be a kind old man, called Charaxos, who spent most of his time under a tree sleeping. Because of this he never saw how the other girls in the house, all servant girls, taunted and teased Rhodopis.



They teased her because she looked differently from them. Their hair was straight and black while hers was golden and curly. They had brown eyes and she had green.

Their skin had the glow of copper, but Rhodopis had pale skin that burned easily in the sun causing them to call her Rosy Rhodopis. They also made her work hard shouting at her all day, "Go to the river and wash the clothes," "Mend my robe," "Chase the geese from the garden,": "Bake the bread."

Now Rhodopis had no friends- only the animals. She had trained the birds to eat from her hand, a monkey to sit on her shoulder, and the old hippopotamus would slide up on the bank out of the mud to be closer to her. At the end of the day if she wasn't too tired she would go down to the river to be with her animal friends and if she had any energy left from the hard day's work she would dance and sing for them.





One evening as she was dancing, twirling around lighter than air with her feet barely touching the ground, the old man woke from his sleep and watched as she danced. He admired her dancing and felt that one so talented should not be without shoes. He ordered her a special pair of slippers. The shoes were gilded with rose-red gold and the soles were leather.

Now the servant girls really disliked her for they were jealous of her beautiful slippers. Word arrived that the Pharaoh was holding court in Memphis and all in the kingdom were invited. Oh how Rhodopis wanted to go with the servant girls. For she knew there would be dancing, singing, and lots of wonderful food. As the servant girls prepared to leave in their finest clothes they turned to Rhodopis and gave her more chores to do before they returned. They poled their raft away leaving a sad Rhodopis on the bank.



As she began to wash the clothes in the river she sang a sad little song--"wash the linen, weed the garden, grind the grain." The hippopotamus grew tired of this little song and splashed back into the river. The splashing of the water wet Rhodopis's slippers. She quickly grabbed them up, wiped it off and placed them in the sun to dry. As she was continuing with her chores the sky darkened and as she looked up she saw a falcon sweep down, snatch one of her slippers, and fly away.





Rhodopis was in awe for she knew it was the god Horus who had taken her shoe. Rhodopis now with only one slipper put it away in her tunic.

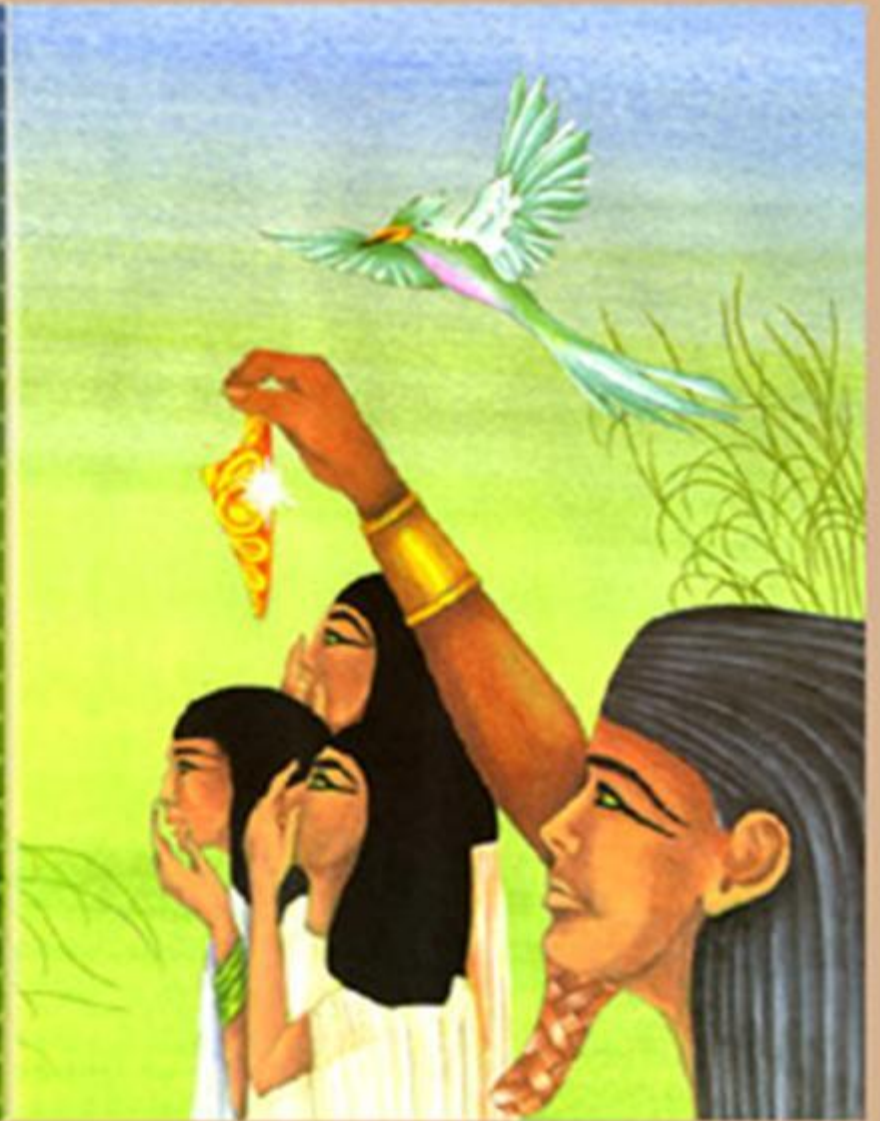
Now the Pharaoh, Amasis, Pharaoh of upper and lower Egypt was sitting on his throne looking out over the people and feeling very bored. He much preferred to be riding across the desert in his chariot. Suddenly the falcon swooped down and dropped the rose-red golden slipper in his lap. Surprised but knowing this was a sign from the god Horus he sent out a decree that all maidens in Egypt must try on the slipper, and the owner of the slipper would be his queen.

By the time the servant girls arrived the celebrations had ended and the Pharaoh had left by chariot in search of the owner of the golden slipper. After searching on land and not finding the owner he called for his barge and began to travel the Nile pulling into every landing so maidens could try on the slipper.

As the barge rounded the bend in front of the home of Rhodopis all heard the sounds of the gong, the trumpets blaring, and saw the purple silk sails.



The servant girls ran to the landing to try on the shoe while Rhodopis hid in the rushes. When the servant girls saw the shoe they recognized it as Rhodopis's slipper but they said nothing and still tried to force their feet into the slipper. The Pharaoh spied Rhodopis hiding in the rushes and asked her to try on the slipper. She slid her tiny foot into the slipper and then pulled the other from her tunic.



The Pharaoh pronounced that she would be his queen. The servant girls cried out that she was a slave and not even Egyptian. The Pharaoh responded with "She is the most Egyptian of all...for her eyes are as green as the Nile, her fair as feathery as papyrus, and her skin the pink of a lotus flower."



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Now tell the short summary of the story to your adult. What was the story about?

What did you like?

Who was your favourite character and why?

Is there anything you would change?

Who is Rhodopis? What is her character like?

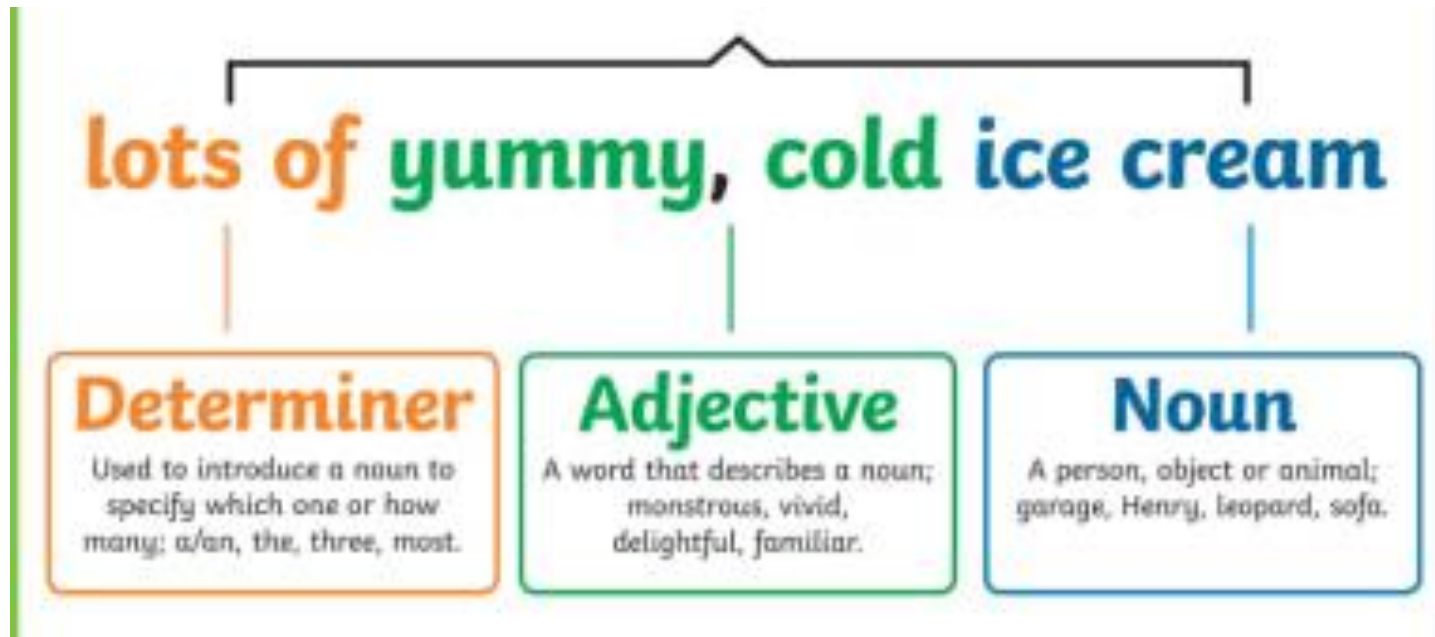
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An expanded noun phrase is a phrase made up of a noun and at least one adjective. If you list more than one adjective to describe the noun, you should add a comma to separate them.



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Could you add adjectives to this sentences,
and that will make it an expanded noun
phrase

A _____ , _____ alien.

The _____ , _____ princess.

The _____ , _____ dragon.

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Now let us check that you have written
appropriate adjectives.

Here are some examples.

A **little, one eyed** alien.

The **playful, stunning** princess.

The **ferocious, deadly** dragon.

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Now here is a model example of how expanded noun phrases are used to describe the dragon.

The snarling dragon shot from the huge cave and flapped its mighty wings in the cold, morning air. It roared fearsomely and then speared downwards into the luscious valley below that was full of swaying corn. The hungry dragon burnt the precious crops of the poor village people, wilting the green stalks with a fierce inferno that began in its cavernous jaws. The beast clasped a cow in one of its sharp talons before flying lazily back into the cave.

TASK:

Write a couple of paragraphs describing Rhodophis using expanded noun phrases.

Example:

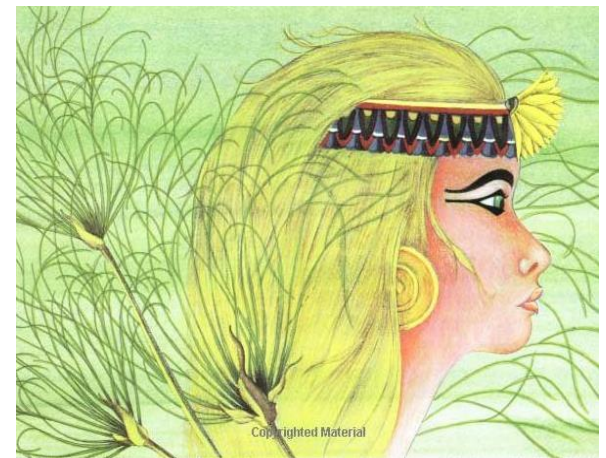
When she was still a young child, Rhodopis, a lonely, young, beautiful, poor maiden had been stolen by some horrible, fierce pirates from her lovely home in Greece.

Success criteria:

Think about the character in the story.

Use the clues (words/illustrations).

Use expanded noun phrases to describe the character.



Once you have completed your task, read it your adult and underline the expanded noun phrases.

Here is an example:

Gracefully as she walks, her long, golden beach blonde hair gets tangled when the harsh, cool breeze blows it in different directions. Her beady eyes are as green as the glistening, watery grass and her hair sparkles in the bright, scorching sun. Rhodopis's cheeks are as rosy as a fresh, pink rose yet her skin is so pale that the Egyptian sun will give her a horrible sun burn. She has a soft, gentle, melodic voice that sounds like a hummingbird. Whenever she sings with her hypnotic voice, the enormous, plump hippos suddenly swim out of the waters just to hear her sing a sweet, calming lullaby.

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Treated like a dog, she has to wash clothes daily, bake bread for the servant girls, mend their torn, worn out robes, chase geese and the list goes on and on. Surprisingly, she still stays humble and puts on a gorgeous smile every day.

