

Tuesday

# **L.O. – I can use expanded noun phrases**

## **Success Criteria**

- I can write a simple noun phrase.
- I can use adjectives to expand a simple noun phrase.
- I can select adjective(s) to describe a noun to create effects.
- I can add expansion after the noun phrase.

# Adding Adjectives

## Nouns

**Nouns** are often known as 'naming words' because they can name people, places and things.

girl  
↑  
noun



## Simple noun phrases

Simple noun phrases are groups of words, including a noun, that make up part of a sentence.

The noun is the main word in the phrase and other words give information about it.

The girl  
↑      ↑  
determiner      noun

# Adding Adjectives

## Expanded noun phrases

Expanded noun phrases give more detail than a simple noun phrase.

The tall, sporty girl

↑      ↑      ↑      ↑  
determiner   adjective   noun



## Simple noun phrases

You add adjectives after the determiner to make an expanded noun phrase

This adds extra detail about the noun.

**Determiners** are placed before the noun and help to describe it.

# Adding Adjectives

Make sure you understand the adjectives you use.  
Have a dictionary ready.

## Noun

## cow

simple noun phrase

a cow

Noun phrase  
expanded by an  
adjective or two

a round-bellied,  
inquisitive cow

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# Adding Adjectives

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Make sure you are using  
interesting adjectives.

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## Noun

simple noun phrase

some muffins

Noun phrase  
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adjective or two

some chocolatey,  
moist muffins

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simple noun phrase

an owl

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expanded by an  
adjective or two

a watchful, intense  
owl

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# Adjectives for Effect

The adjectives we choose to expand the noun phrase can create very different effects.

Example – the house



We could see a **bright, airy** house.

We could see a **dark, gloomy** house.

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# Adjectives for Effect - Task

Read through the following descriptions.

For each one, underline the noun that is being described in the expanded noun phrase. There may be more than one example in each sentence.

Put a circle around the adjectives that have been added to the noun to make the expanded noun phrase.

1. Jani cowered in front of the spooky, haunted house.
2. The moaning and creaking noise continued as Curtis crept forward.
3. The cold, damp grass ruined Alfie's cool, new shoes.
4. The well-worn steps went on forever.
5. The off-white, rotten door squeaked as the terrified children entered the room.
6. A large, dark rain cloud hung over the house.

Rewrite each sentence and use different adjectives for each noun phrase to create a different mood or atmosphere.

Example – *Jani skipped happily towards the clean, white house.*

# Spooky Settings

Recap.

What have you learned so far?

Why do we use expanded noun phrases?



I've learned that we can use adjectives to create expanded noun phrases which add information to nouns.

They make my writing more interesting and can help the reader to build a picture in their minds.



# Spooky Settings

Did you know that you can put the expansion before or after the noun? As well as adjectives, you can add other pieces of information that are still part of the whole noun phrase.

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**Can you work out which part of each sentence is an expanded noun phrase in these examples?**

They knocked on the big, wooden door with the paint peeling off.

Everyone was afraid of the mean, old witch with the pointy hat.

The evil creature that howled all night was never allowed outside.



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# Spooky Settings - Task

Try using expanded noun phrases to describe this house.



**Challenge:** Create your own description of a very different house.

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