

Expanded Noun Phrases

An **expanded noun phrase** gives much more detail than a simple noun phrase, for example:

the fire → the **dangerous, wild forest fire in front of him.**

A common way to make an expanded noun phrase is to add adjectives, prepositions or another noun into the phrase.

Underline any nouns in the following sentences.

Put a circle around any expanded noun phrases.

1. The beautiful woodland burned to the ground.
2. Ahead of him was the huge, four-legged beast from his dreams.
3. They raised their ancient heads as they wandered around.
4. His old, oak desk stood in the corner of the room.
5. The sweat-soaked duvet on the floor came as no surprise.
6. Its large, pointed ears twitched and rotated above those wide eyes.



Add to these examples with expansion before and after the noun.

e.g. The **innocent, young boy behind the gates** stared.

7. The trees _____
8. A creature _____
9. The river _____
10. His sword _____
11. Its body _____

Write an **expanded noun phrase** to complete these sentences.

12. _____ strolled through the forest.
13. _____ listened for the sound of the creature.
14. _____ formed a long shadow across the ground.
15. _____ stood tall and menacing to prevent any visitors entering the hall.

