Information Sheet for Expanded Noun Phrase

A noun is a person, place or thing. There are many different types of nouns; for example: proper (name), common (thing), abstract (feeling), collective (group of)...

A noun phrase is when the determiner is added to a noun. There are a number of different determiner; for example: a determiner can tell us which one (demonstrator), how many (quantifier) or number. The determiner comes before the noun

E.g. This horse, these geese, 6 rabbits, those children, a great deal of rubbish...

When expanding the noun phrase, you add more information to the noun by using <mark>adjectives</mark> or/and a prepositional phrase.

E.g. This <mark>grey horse,</mark> these l<mark>oud geese</mark>, 6 <mark>white rabbit</mark>...

When writing expanded noun phrases, you have to make sure the whole noun phrase is written before you write a <mark>verb</mark>...

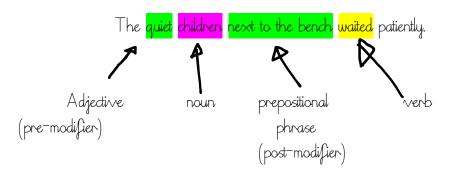
This grey horse with reins waving in the wind botted.

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This grey horse bolted with reins waving in the wind.



The words that go before the noun are pre-modifiers (adjectives) and the words that go after the noun are post-modifiers (extending description -using with



Understand

Add an adjective and a prepositional phrase to each of these nouns to create expanded noun phrases.

Determiner	Adjective	Noun	Prepositional Phrase
The		bridge	
Some		pencils	
A		crow	
Му		books	
Those		plates	N

Challenge

Write a sentence to describe the clock(s) in each picture. Make sure to include adjectives and prepositional phrases in each one.





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Determiner	Adjective	Noun	Prepositional Phrase	
The		teacher		
The		tree		

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Expanded Nouns Challenge!

Test

Underline the longest possible noun phrase in each sentence below.

The film which was about a group of super-heroes was very long.

The faded, watercolour painting with the frayed edges sold for a lot of money.

Eric, a young but helpful boy, helped me to move the bookcase.

Tick each of these sentences which include an expanded noun phrase.

The children fed the pigs.

The cold, windy and empty waste ground was no place to go wandering alone.

The graceful but deadly panther stalked its prey silently.

At the bottom of the tower, Peter found a broken kite.

Underline all expanded noun phrases in the passage below.

The beach in summer is very busy. Crowds of excited holiday-makers eager to have fun, arrive early. They bring with them everything they can carry: buckets, spades, deck-chairs and bright, colourful inflatables of every shape and size. Many of them will eat at the nearby restaurants but most will eat cheaper, healthier home-cooked food made that morning.

Explain

Using your own words, explain what an expanded noun phrase is.

Apply Imagine that find yourself at this spooky house. Write a passage to describe your time there. Make sure that you add extra detail by including expanded noun phrases in some of your sentences. Extra challenge: Can you start one of your sentences with a preposition?