

Homework/Extension

Step 2: Expanding Noun Phrases

National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 4: (4G3.2) [Noun phrases expanded by the addition of modifying adjectives, nouns and preposition phrases \(e.g. the teacher expanded to: the strict maths teacher with curly hair\)](#)

Differentiation:

Questions 1, 4 and 7 (Varied Fluency)

Developing Identify and underline the adjectives and prepositions in the expanded noun phrases in the given sentences.

Expected Identify and underline the adjectives and prepositions in expanded noun phrases in the given sentences. Sentences include modifying nouns.

Greater Depth Identify and underline the adjectives and prepositions in expanded noun phrases in the given sentences. Some multi-word prepositions used. Sentences include modifying nouns and adverbs.

Questions 2, 5 and 8 (Varied Fluency)

Developing Use a word bank to write expanded noun phrases which contain adjectives and prepositions.

Expected Use a word bank to write expanded noun phrases which contain adjectives and prepositions. Phrases include modifying nouns.

Greater Depth Use a word bank to write expanded noun phrases in sentences which contain adjectives and multi-word prepositions. Sentences include modifying nouns and adverbs.

Questions 3, 6 and 9 (Application and Reasoning)

Developing Explain whether an expanded noun phrase in a sentence contains an adjective and a preposition.

Expected Explain whether an expanded noun phrase in a sentence contains an adjective and a preposition. Sentence includes a modifying noun.

Greater Depth Explain whether an expanded noun phrase in a sentence contains an adjective and a multi-word preposition. Sentence includes a modifying noun and an adverb.

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Expanding Noun Phrases

1. Use the key to underline the relevant parts of the expanded noun phrases below:

A. this black and blue bruise on my leg

B. his comfortable chair by the fire

C. an arched bridge over the river

adjectives ~ **green**

prepositions ~ **blue**



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2. Choose one word or phrase from each column to create an expanded noun phrase.

two	brave	castle	around the castle
a	enormous	knight	on the hill
nine	ruined	dragons	in shining armour
that	deep	moat	with scaly skin

Create 3 more expanded noun phrases.



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3. Amelia has been asked to write a sentence containing an expanded noun phrase. The phrase must contain an adjective and a preposition.

His dad went to buy a newspaper in the little shop
by the park.

Is she correct? Explain your answer.



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Expanding Noun Phrases

4. Use the key to underline the relevant parts of the expanded noun phrases below:

A. two narrow bridle paths through the field

B. the new leisure centre near the supermarket

C. enough unopened cereal boxes on the shelf for everyone

adjectives ~ green

prepositions ~ blue



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5. Choose one word or phrase from each column to create an expanded noun phrase.

five

small

oak trees

under the window

many

old

flower beds

near the wall

several

colourful

holly bushes

with prickly leaves

enough

huge

vegetable patches

beside the gate

Create 3 more expanded noun phrases.



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6. Daniel has been asked to write a sentence containing an expanded noun phrase. The phrase must contain an adjective and a preposition.

We sat at their old picnic bench in their garden for
our picnic.

Is he correct? Explain your answer.



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Expanding Noun Phrases

7. Use the key to underline the relevant parts of the expanded noun phrases below:

A. several very secluded coral islands in the middle of the ocean

B. the most expensive plastic toy of all

C. my entirely different ending to the horror story

adjectives ~ green

prepositions ~ blue



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8. Choose one word or phrase from each column to create a sentence with an expanded noun phrase. Add the correct punctuation at the end of your sentence.

our	very	small	cobblestone street	on top of the hill
which	rather	busy	family home	at the end of the street
this	really	tall	office building	near to school
that	extremely	large	radio mast	on the edge of town

Create 3 more sentences with expanded noun phrases.



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9. Solomon has been asked to write a sentence containing an expanded noun phrase. The phrase must contain an adjective and a preposition.

We were about to take part in the most important
match out of all the football matches this season.

Is he correct? Explain your answer.



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Expanding Noun Phrases

Developing

1. A. 'black' and 'blue' underlined green; 'on' underlined blue.
B. 'comfortable' underlined green; 'by' underlined blue.
C. 'arched' underlined green; 'over' underlined blue.
2. Various answers, for example:
two brave knights in shining armour
nine enormous dragons with scaly skin
a ruined castle on the hill
that deep moat around the castle
3. Amelia is correct. 'Little' is an adjective and 'by' is a preposition. They have been used to expand the noun phrase 'the shop'.

Expected

4. A. 'narrow' underlined green; 'through' underlined blue.
B. 'new' underlined green; 'near' underlined blue.
C. 'unopened' underlined green; 'on' underlined blue.
5. Various answers, for example:
five old oak trees beside the gate
many colourful flower beds under the window
enough small vegetable patches near the wall
several huge holly bushes with prickly leaves
6. Daniel is correct. 'Old' is an adjective and 'in' is a preposition. They have been used to expand the noun phrase 'the bench'.

Greater Depth

7. A. 'secluded' underlined green; 'in the middle of' underlined blue.
B. 'expensive' underlined green; 'of' underlined blue.
C. 'different' underlined green; 'to' underlined blue.
8. Various answers, for example:
We had to walk up that very busy cobblestone street near to school.
Which extremely tall radio mast on the edge of town are you talking about?
This really large office building at the end of the street is blocking out our daylight.
I will be sad to sell our rather small family home on top of the hill.
9. Solomon is correct. 'Important' is an adjective and 'out of all' is a preposition. They have been used to expand the noun phrase 'the match'.