

Year 2 Grammar: Expanded Noun Phrases

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Note for parents and carers:

A noun is a thing, person or idea. An expanded noun phrase provides extra information about the noun. You can use adjectives within your expanded noun phrase to describe and specify details about the noun. Expanded noun phrases build a clearer, more detailed picture in the reader's mind of the noun being described. The expansion can come before the noun or after.



Find the Pattern

A good way of creating expanded noun phrases is to follow this pattern:

The adjective noun with adjective noun.

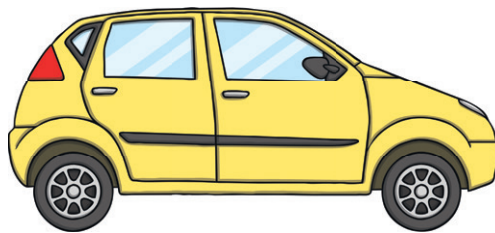
For example:

The fierce dragon with sharp teeth.

Try creating some expanded noun phrases for these pictures:







Let's Expand

You can also add more than one adjective before or after the noun. When you do this, you must put a comma between the two adjectives. For example:

The old, creepy house with broken, dark windows.

Try creating some expanded noun phrases for these pictures:





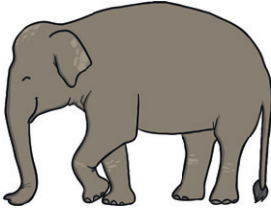
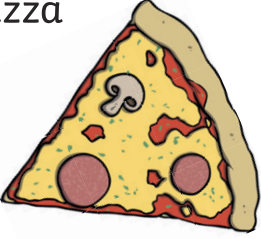
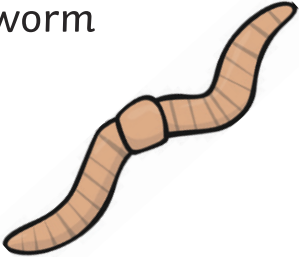


Take a Challenge

You can expand your noun phrases even further by turning them into a sentence, like this:

adjective adjective noun adjective
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 The fierce, fire-breathing dragon with sharp,
pointed claws made a bubbling potion in his cave.
 adjective noun verb adjective noun noun

Try making your own sentences using these pictures:

giant 	elephant 	grandpa 	lion 
monkey 	pizza 	worm 	teacher 
spider 	alien 	jelly 	motorbike 