

Application and Reasoning

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 (Application)

Developing Complete a sentence with an expanded noun phrase which includes an adjective and a preposition.

Expected Complete a sentence with an expanded noun phrase which includes an adjective and a preposition. Sentence includes a modified noun.

Greater Depth Complete a sentence with an expanded noun phrase which includes an adjective and a preposition. Include an adverb in the sentence.

Questions 2, 5 and 8 (Reasoning)

Developing Explain whether an expanded noun phrase has been correctly identified within a sentence. Expanded noun phrase includes an adjective and a preposition.

Expected Explain whether an expanded noun phrase has been correctly identified within a sentence. Expanded noun phrase includes an adjective, a modifying noun and a preposition.

Greater Depth Explain whether multiple expanded noun phrases have been correctly identified within a sentence. Expanded noun phrases include an adverb, an adjective and a preposition.

Questions 3, 6 and 9 (Application)

Developing Write a sentence using an expanded noun phrase to describe an alien. Expanded noun phrase to include an adjective and a preposition.

Expected Write two sentences using expanded noun phrases to describe two aliens. Expanded noun phrases to include two adjectives and a preposition.

Greater Depth Write three sentences using expanded noun phrases to describe three aliens. Expanded noun phrases to include an adjective and a preposition. Sentences to include an adverb.

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Expanding Noun Phrases

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1a. Complete the sentence below using an expanded noun phrase which includes an adjective and a preposition.

That _____ dog _____
_____ was scary.



A

1b. Complete the sentence below using an expanded noun phrase which includes an adjective and a preposition.

My _____ pizza _____
was delicious.



A

2a. Sam has underlined the expanded noun phrase in the following sentence.

The scientist laughed as the green solution in the test tube began to smoke and crackle.

Is he correct?
Explain how you know.



R

2b. Javier has underlined the expanded noun phrase in the following sentence.

A pirate grabbed her sparkling ring with the red ruby and put it in his pocket.

Is he correct?
Explain how you know.



R

3a. Write a sentence to describe the alien below.



The sentence should contain an expanded noun phrase which includes an adjective and a preposition.



A

3b. Write a sentence to describe the alien below.



The sentence should contain an expanded noun phrase which includes an adjective and a preposition.



A

Expanding Noun Phrases

4a. Complete the sentence below using an expanded noun phrase which includes an adjective and a preposition.

I had a _____ birthday cake
_____.



A

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4b. Complete the sentence below using an expanded noun phrase which includes an adjective and a preposition.

I chose two _____ library books
_____.



A

5a. Joe has underlined the expanded noun phrase in the following sentence.

Mum picked up some heavy shopping bags with broken handles and put them in the car.

Is he correct?
Explain how you know.



R

5b. Seb has underlined the expanded noun phrase in the following sentence.

Your puppy rolled around in our small flower bed in the garden and got covered in mud.

Is he correct?
Explain how you know.



R

6a. Write a sentence to describe each of the aliens below.

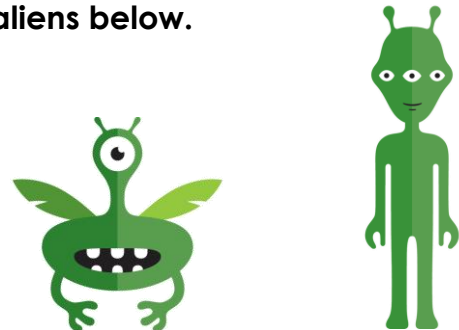


Each sentence should contain an expanded noun phrase which includes two adjectives and a preposition.



A

6b. Write a sentence to describe each of the aliens below.



Each sentence should contain an expanded noun phrase which includes two adjectives and a preposition.



A

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7a. Complete the sentence below using an expanded noun phrase which includes an adjective and a preposition. Include an adverb in your sentence.

I laughed at . . .



A

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7b. Complete the sentence below using an expanded noun phrase which includes an adjective and a preposition. Include an adverb in your sentence.

I watched . . .



A

8a. Milly has underlined the expanded noun phrases in the following sentence.

Several extremely overgrown gardens at the end of the street are becoming a really terrible eyesore.

Is she correct?
Explain how you know.



R

8b. Jack has underlined the expanded noun phrases in the following sentence.

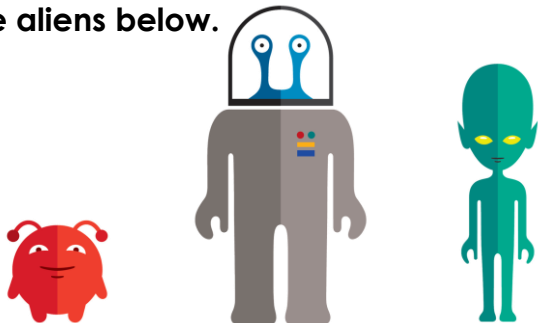
I had to read another rather boring book about space and then answer some very difficult questions.

Is he correct?
Explain how you know.



R

9a. Write a sentence to describe each of the aliens below.

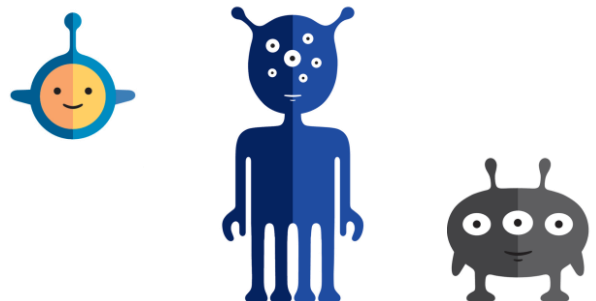


Each sentence should contain an expanded noun phrase which includes an adjective and a preposition. Use an adverb in your sentence.



A

9b. Write a sentence to describe each of the alien below.



Each sentence should contain an expanded noun phrase which includes an adjective and a preposition. Use an adverb in your sentence.



A

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Developing

1a. Various answers, for example:
That fierce dog with sharp teeth was scary.

2a. Sam is incorrect. 'The scientist' is a simple noun phrase. The expanded noun phrase is 'the green solution in the test tube'.

3a. Various answers, for example:
I saw another tall alien with four arms getting out of the space ship.

Expected

4a. Various answers, for example:
I had a delicious birthday cake with chocolate icing on top.

5a. Joe is correct. 'Heavy', 'shopping' and 'with broken handles' have been used to expand the noun phrase 'some bags'.

6a. Various answers, for example:
I was afraid of the strange, one-eyed alien with four legs.

The large, three-headed alien with the sharp teeth was even scarier though.

Greater Depth

7a. Various answers, for example:
I laughed at the extremely funny clown with the bright red nose when he threw custard pies at the other clowns.

8a. Milly is not correct. 'a really terrible eyesore' is also an expanded noun phrase.

9a. Various answers, for example:
The very small alien on the left is quite cute.
The extremely large alien in the middle is wearing a grey spacesuit.
The very thin alien with the large forehead is staring at me.

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Developing

1b. Various answers, for example:
My huge pizza with cheese on top was delicious.

2b. Javier is correct. 'Sparkling' and 'with the red ruby' expand the noun phrase 'her ring'.

3b. Various answers, for example:
My favourite was the one-eyed alien with some tufts of green hair on his head.

Expected

4b. Various answers, for example:
I chose two new library books about animals.

5b. Seb is incorrect. 'In the garden' should also be underlined.

6b. Various answers, for example:
I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw the small, one-eyed alien with wings hovering above me.

The tall, thin alien with three eyes towered over me.

Greater Depth

7b. Various possible answers, for example:
I watched a very scary film about monsters and then I had a nightmare.

8b. Jack is correct. 'Rather' 'boring' and 'about space' have been used to expand the noun phrase 'another book'. 'Very' and 'difficult' have been used to expand the noun phrase 'some questions'.

9b. Various answers, for example:
There's a very strange alien without a body floating above my head.
The rather odd alien with many eyes is watching me.
I like the really cute, three-eyed alien with the round body because it is small and friendly.