

Varied Fluency

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:

Developing Questions to support using and identifying an expanded noun phrase in a sentence containing adjectives and prepositions.

Expected Questions to support using and identifying the expanded noun phrase in a sentence containing adjectives, modifying nouns and prepositions.

Greater Depth Questions to support using and identifying expanded noun phrases in a sentence containing adjectives, adverbs and some multi-word prepositions. Some sentences include multiple expanded noun phrases.

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1a. True or false? The expanded noun phrase is underlined in the following sentence.

An orange fish with yellow stripes swam across the pond.



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1b. True or false? The expanded noun phrase is underlined in the following sentence.

A small butterfly with colourful wings flew from flower to flower.



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2a. Circle the nouns. Underline the adjectives. Tick the preposition.

A few blue flowers under the tall tree had begun to open.



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2b. Circle the nouns. Underline the adjectives. Tick the preposition.

That funny clown with the painted face began to juggle.



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3a. Underline the expanded noun phrase in the following sentence.

The little red hen inside the coop sat and waited for her eggs to hatch.



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3b. Underline the expanded noun phrase in the following sentence.

The wise owl in the tree quietly watched the mouse as it ran across the path.



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4a. Expand each of the following noun phrases using an adjective and a prepositional phrase:

a _____ tree _____

the _____ spots _____

that _____ book _____



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4b. Expand each of the following noun phrases using an adjective and a prepositional phrase:

a _____ drink _____

some _____ apples _____

two _____ flowers _____



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5a. True or false? The expanded noun phrase is underlined in the following sentence.

My small guide dog with the long tail barked at the cars as they sped past.



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5b. True or false? The expanded noun phrase is underlined in the following sentence.

A bird flew across the sky and landed in one of the tall trees near the park.



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6a. Circle the modified noun. Underline the adjectives. Tick the preposition.

Lorna was carrying her old green school bag with the broken zip.



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6b. Circle the modified noun. Underline the adjectives. Tick the preposition.

He had borrowed another new library book about space.



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7a. Underline the expanded noun phrase in the following sentence.

Kevin got out of his old sports car with the flat tyre and wondered what to do next.



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7b. Underline the expanded noun phrase in the following sentence.

I used the potato peeler with the broken handle to peel the potatoes.



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8a. Expand each of the following noun phrases using an adjective and a prepositional phrase:

the bag

five books

that door



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8b. Expand each of the following noun phrases using an adjective and a prepositional phrase:

a ball

any station

the shop



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9a. True or false? The expanded noun phrase is underlined in the following sentence.

The very tiny goldfish with the tattered tail swam in circles in its tank.



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9b. True or false? The expanded noun phrases are underlined in the following sentence.

I walked past another extremely dilapidated building near the park on my way to school.



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10a. Circle the adverbs, tick the adjectives and underline the preposition.

The ancient book on top of the bookcase needed to be handled carefully.



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10b. Circle the adverbs, tick the adjectives and underline the preposition.

Some delighted fans at the front of the stand began to chant loudly.



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11a. Underline the expanded noun phrases in the following sentence.

Daisy bought the most beautiful flowers with yellow petals and put them in the glass vase on the window sill.



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11b. Underline the expanded noun phrases in the following sentence.

The loudest song came from a tiny blue bird with an orange beak that was sitting on the bird bath in the garden.



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12a. Write a sentence that expands each of the following noun phrases using an adverb; adjective and a preposition:

a few clouds

the fence

Note: you are allowed to change the determiner



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12b. Write a sentence that expands each of the following noun phrases using an adverb; an adjective and a preposition:

some music

the book

Note: you are allowed to change the determiner



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Developing

- 1a. True
2a. Nouns: flowers, tree
Adjectives: blue, tall
Preposition: under
3a. 'the little red hen inside the coop'
underlined
4a. Various answers, for example:
a tall tree in the park
the itchy spots on my arm
that new book with the red cover

Expected

- 5a. False. 'My small guide dog with the long tail' should be underlined.
6a. Modified noun: (school) bag
Adjectives: old, green, broken.
Prepositions: with
7a. 'his old sports car with the flat tyre'
underlined
8a. Various answers, for example:
the reusable shopping bag with the wooden handles; five new exercise books with red covers; that old church door with peeling paint

Greater Depth

- 9a. False. 'The very tiny goldfish with the tattered tail' should be underlined.
10a. Adverbs: carefully
Adjectives: ancient,
Preposition: on top of
11a. 'the most beautiful flowers with yellow petals' and 'the glass vase on the window sill' underlined.
12a. Various answers, for example:
A few extremely dark clouds above finally cleared.
The old rickety fence behind the house fell down in the storm.

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Developing

- 1b. False. 'A small butterfly with colourful wings' should be underlined.
2b. Nouns: clown, face
Adjectives: funny, painted
Preposition: with
3b. 'the wise owl in the tree' underlined
4b. Various answers, for example:
a cold drink with ice cubes
some red apples with shiny skin
two beautiful flowers with red petals

Expected

- 5b. True
6b. Modified noun: (library) book
Adjectives: new
Preposition: about.
7b. 'the potato peeler with the broken handle' underlined
8b. Various possible answers, for example:
a blue beach ball with a hole in; any station in the city centre; the small sweet shop at the end of the road

Greater Depth

- 9b. True
10b. Adverbs: loudly
Adjectives: delighted
Preposition: at the front of
11b. 'the loudest song', 'a tiny blue bird with an orange beak' and 'the bird bath in the garden' underlined.
12b. Various answers, for example:
She played some very loud rock music with a strong beat.
He opened the extremely old book with a dusty cover and began to read.