

# Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

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# Aim

- I can use expanded noun phrases to add extra details to my writing.

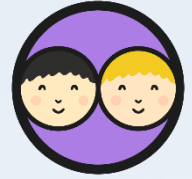
# Success Criteria

- I can identify nouns and noun phrases.
- I can add adjectives to nouns to create expanded noun phrases.
- I can use expanded noun phrases in my writing.

# Introductory Activity



# What is a Noun Phrase?



Can you remember what a noun is?

In your pairs, find the noun/nouns in each of these sentences:

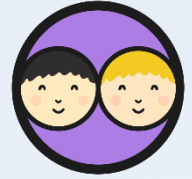
The boy loved playing football.

The horses galloped across the field.

The witch was creating a potion.



# What is a Noun Phrase?



**A phrase is a group of words that work together:**

my cute puppy

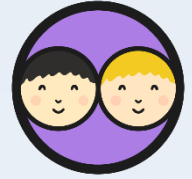


**A noun phrase is a group of words that have a noun as a key word:**

The year two class



# What is a Noun Phrase?



Work with your partner to find the noun phrase in each of these sentences.

The rain soaked them.

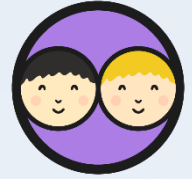
The strong wind nearly blew them over.

The road was long and winding.





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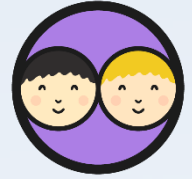
Sometimes a sentence will have more than one noun phrase.  
Can you find the noun phrases?

The boy next door has a bike.

The man walked to the supermarket.



# What is a Noun Phrase?



## Noun Phrases

I can identify nouns and noun phrases

1. Work with your partner to find the noun phrases in each of these sentences. Underline each noun phrase you find. The first one has been done for you.

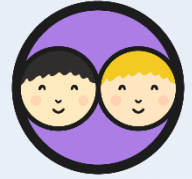
- a) The girl played at the park.
- b) A butterfly landed on the flower.
- c) The bus splashed through the puddle.
- d) The cat climbed the oak tree.
- e) The boy played with his car.
- f) The dog barked at the postman.
- g) The girls parents were pleased with her report.

**With your partner, work through the Noun Phrase Activity Sheet.** Can you find and underline the noun phrase in # each sentence?

# Independent Focused Activity



# Expanded Noun Phrases



**Noun phrases can be very short:**

a pen

the girl

Quite often in our writing we need to add more details so that our readers know exactly what we are writing about.

a purple pen

a young girl

When we add more details to our noun phrases they become expanded noun phrases.

# Expanded Noun Phrases



One of the easiest ways to expand a noun phrase is to add an adjective before the noun:

a young man

the blue butterfly

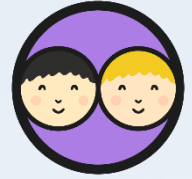
To expand the noun phrase further, we can add another adjective:

a young, handsome man

the beautiful, blue butterfly



# Expanded Noun Phrases



Can you expand these noun phrases by adding an adjective?

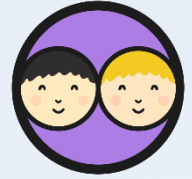
A \_\_\_\_\_ car.

A \_\_\_\_\_ house.

The \_\_\_\_\_ road.

Can you expand the noun phrases further by adding another adjective to each of them?

# Expanded Noun Phrases

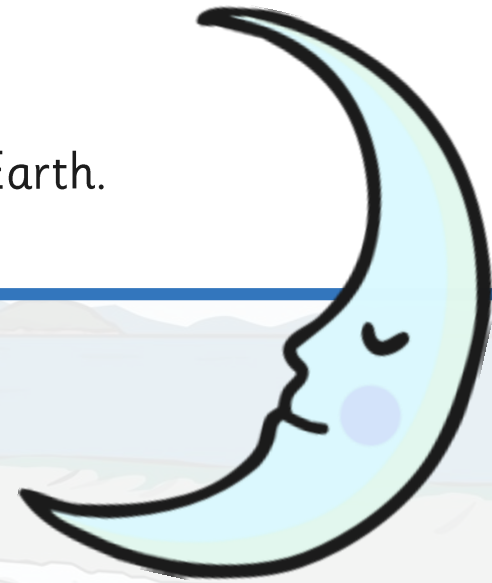


You can also expand a noun phrase by adding a preposition (information about where or when something is).

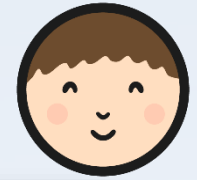
The boy on the ground was crying.

The bird in the tree sang every morning.

The man in the moon looked down at the Earth.



# Expanded Noun Phrases



## Expanded Noun Phrases

I can add adjectives to nouns to create expanded noun phrases.

1. Look at each sentence below. The noun phrases are very short. Can you improve the sentences by expanding the noun phrases, using the adjectives under each one? The first one has been done for you.

- a) The red car drove down the road.  
**red, long**
- b) The \_\_\_\_\_ woman climbed the mountain.  
**brave, steep**
- c) There was a \_\_\_\_\_ spider crawling up the wall.  
**brick, huge**
- d) The \_\_\_\_\_ children ate the cake.  
**delicious, hungry**
- e) The \_\_\_\_\_ cat chased the mouse.  
**ginger, grey**



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## Expanded Noun Phrases

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1. Look at each sentence below. The noun phrases are very short. Can you improve the sentences by expanding the noun phrases? The first one has been done for you.

- a) The car drove down the road.  
**The red sports car drove down the long, winding road.**
- b) The woman climbed the mountain.

c) There was a spider crawling up the wall.

Can you expand the noun phrases on the Expanded Noun Phrase Activity Sheet?

Each sentence has a simple noun phrase. Can you expand each noun phrase so that the sentences are clearer and more interesting?



# Review Activity



# Spot the Noun Phrase

A noun phrase is a group of words that have a noun as a key word:

the year two class

the girl

Expanded noun phrases help us to make our writing more detailed and specific. Without these, our writing would be more difficult to understand and not as interesting.

the well behaved year two class

the polite, young girl

Can you find the expanded noun phrases in this sentence?

The mischievous, young girl climbed the old oak tree.



# Spot the Noun Phrase

## Expanded Noun Phrase Hunt

I can identify expanded noun phrases.

1. Read the short story below with your partner. Can you find the expanded noun phrases in the story? When you find them, highlight them and copy them into the table on the Example Sheet.

Amira jumped out of her warm, comfortable bed and ran to the frozen window. The soft, crisp snow covered the long grass. Amira squealed with delight and darted from her bedroom. She ran across the short hallway to her parents' room and knocked on the door. Her mum came to the door. Amira explained about the snow and her and her mum quickly put on their warm, winter clothes.

They ran out into the cold, sunny morning. The deep snow came all the way to the top of Amira's wellington boots. Together, Amira and her mum built a tall, round snowman. Amira ran back inside to fetch a woolly hat and long scarf to wrap around the snowman.

After they had completed their snowman, Amira and her mum went back inside the warm house. Mum made them a yummy hot chocolate and Amira found some sweet biscuits. They sat down in front of the roaring, hot fire.

Jot down the expanded noun phrases you find in the story on here.

Examples of Expanded Noun Phrases

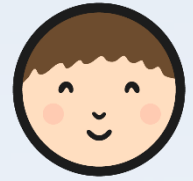
**In your pairs, read the story from the Expanded Noun Phrase Hunt Activity and find as many expanded noun phrases as you can.**

Write any you find onto the sheet.

# Consolidation Activity



# Using Expanded Noun Phrases



Expanded noun phrases help us to make our writing more detailed and specific. Without these, our writing would be more difficult to understand and not as interesting.

Look at this sentence: *The boy sat on the chair.*

Which of these pictures does the sentence match? Why is it difficult to match them up?



This sentence has been written with expanded noun phrases. Can you match it to the correct picture now?


*The young, dark haired boy sat on the blue chair.*

# Using Expanded Noun Phrases


## ★ Using Expanded Noun Phrases

I can add adjectives to nouns to create expanded noun phrases.


1. Write a sentence using an expanded noun phrase to describe each picture. The first one has been done for you.

a) 

excited	girl
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b) 

boy	young
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c) 

young	girl
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## ★★ Using Expanded Noun Phrases

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1. Write a sentence using an expanded noun phrase to describe each picture. The first one has been done for you.

a) 


b) 


c) 

## ★★★ Using Expanded Noun Phrases

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1. Write a sentence using an expanded noun phrase to describe each picture. Remember you can use more than one expanded noun phrase in each sentence. The first one has been done for you.

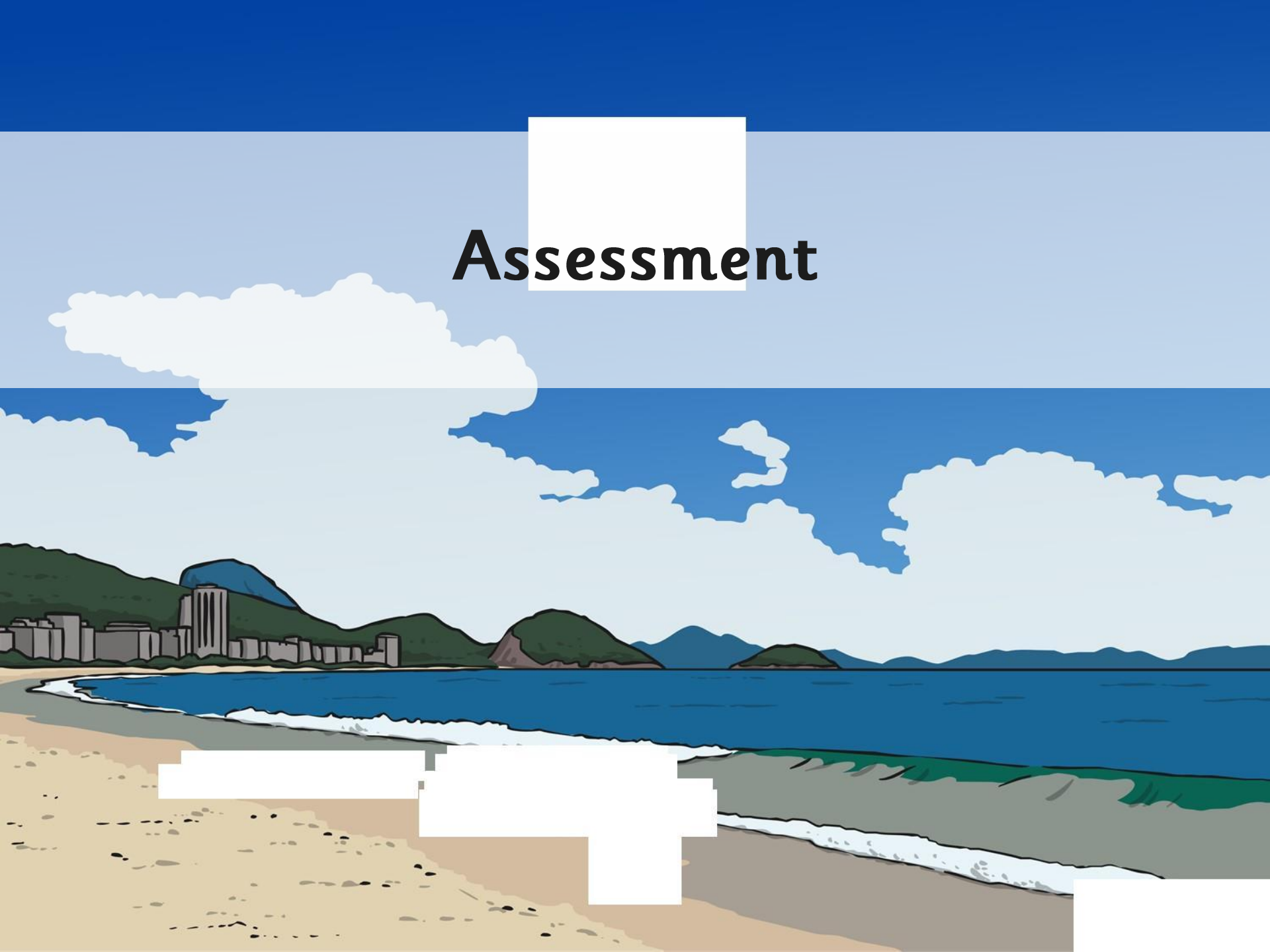
a)  The excited, young girl slid down the tall, slippery slide.

b) 

c) 

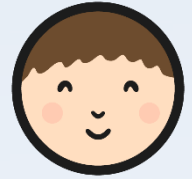
On the Using Expanded Noun Phrases Sheets, can you write a sentence to describe each picture using an expanded noun phrase?

# Assessment





# Assessment: Expanded Noun Phrases



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**Expanded Noun Phrases Mini Test**

1. Underline the noun phrase in each of these sentences.

- a) The young girl sang loudly.
- b) The old, grey haired man sat down.
- c) The teacher talked loudly.
- d) The children skipped happily.
- e) The small child fell over.

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2. Can you expand the noun phrases in these sentences by adding two adjectives before the noun?

- a) The \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ witch cast a spell.
- b) The \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ car won the race.
- c) The \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ swan swam round the lake.

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3. Write your own sentence including an expanded noun phrase.

\_\_\_\_\_

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total marks

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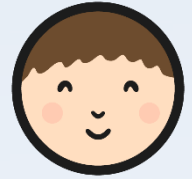
3 marks

Use all of the information  
you have learnt and  
practised about expanded  
noun phrases.

Work on your own to complete  
the **Mini Test**.



# Application Activity: Expanded Noun Phrases



## Application Activity

I can use expanded noun phrases in my writing.

Use the picture below to write a description of Goldilocks. You can write about her looks, her feelings and her actions. Remember to use expanded noun phrases in your writing.



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# Aim

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