

# Expanded Noun Phrases

Expanded noun phrases add extra information to nouns (naming words). They can make your writing more interesting and help build a picture in the reader's mind.

For example: the fierce dragon with puffs of smoke firing out of his nostrils.

## Part A

Try adding adjectives to the nouns shown as pictures below to make your sentences more interesting. Write them on a whiteboard. You can use some ideas for adjectives from the box below.

### Adjectives

dangerous

fierce

gloomy

hungry

lively

furry

crumbling

soft

lumbering

hungry

magnificent

twisted

enormous

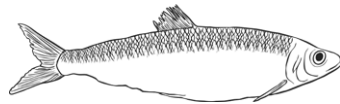
cuddly

heavy

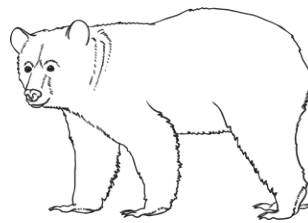
### Nouns



shark



fish



bear



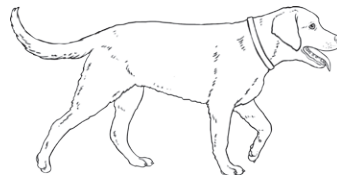
castle



witch



kitten



dog



giraffe

Now that you have written a few sentences, underline the expanded noun phrases in each one.



# Expanded Noun Phrases Answers

## Part A

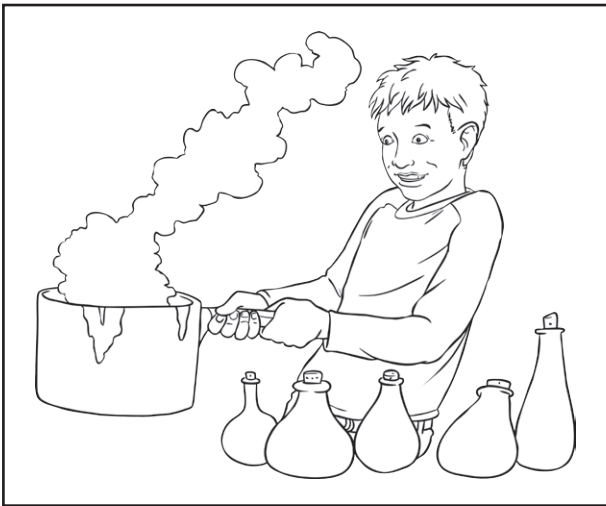
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*Example answers:*

- *The ancient castle loomed over a misty hillside.*
- *The scared kitten wriggled nervously, backing away.*
- *Creeping delicately, the witch tiptoed towards the children, fingers outstretched.*

## Part B

Choose either George or Grandma from 'George's Marvellous Medicine' and write expanded noun phrases in sentences to describe them and draw a picture that fits these sentences.



- *A devious little boy, determined to punish his grandma.*
- *George is lonely boy who would like some friends of his own age.*
- *George comes up with a magnificent plan to improve his grandma's terrible medicine.*

## Challenge Task

Summarise the story so far. Use at least 4 expanded noun phrases in this summary. Underline them as you write.

- *George is a lonely little boy who lives with his family on a farm. Unfortunately he spends many days alone with his grandma who treats him like a revolting little worm. He decides to punish her unpleasantness by making a revoltingly magical medicine.*