

Expanded Noun Phrases

Expanded noun phrases add information to nouns. They make your writing more interesting and can help the reader to build a picture in their minds.

Examples of nouns: castle, desert, alien, witch.

Expansion before and after the noun:

The crumbling castle on the hill...

A sandy desert with hump-backed camels

A one-eyed alien with an enormous, green body and a tiny head

An evil witch with a crooked nose and bony fingers

Part A

Use the nouns castle, desert, alien and witch to create your own expanded noun phrases.

The/A _____ castle _____

The/A _____ desert _____

The/A _____ alien _____

The/A _____ witch _____

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Part B

What expanded noun phrases could you use to describe the following:

Grandpa Joe;

Charlie;

Veruca Salt;

Willy Wonka;

Augustus Gloop;

★ Challenge Task ★

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Expanded Noun Phrases Answers

Part A

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Example answers:

The crumbling castle on the hill

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An evil witch with a crooked nose and bony fingers

Part B

What expanded noun phrases could you use to describe the following:

Grandpa Joe;

The excitable Grandpa Joe.

Charlie;

Charlie Bucket is a kind, gentle boy with very little money.

Veruca Salt;

Veruca Salt is one of the lucky prize winners invited to visit Wonka's incredible Chocolate Factory.

Willy Wonka;

Generously, the mysterious Willy Wonka will be opening the doors of his secret factory to those finding a golden ticket in their delicious chocolate bars.

Augustus Gloop;

Clutching his shiny ticket, the greedy, spoilt Augustus Gloop entered the mysterious room.

Challenge Task

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Yesterday, the mysterious Willy Wonka announced a shock decision to allow only five lucky people into his top secret chocolate factory. These children will be given a tour round the factory by the sweet-mad professor himself, sharing in the magic and wonder that is behind the intriguing workshop doors. Not only that, but the prize includes a lifetime supply of chocolates and sweets supplied by Mr. Wonka himself. Local sweet shops and supermarkets are rubbing their hands with glee as they anticipate a greedy stampede of customers desperate to buy as many Wonka chocolate bars as they can afford. Businesses have reported a 270% rise in the popular confectionary item since this shock announcement, whilst reports of aggressive behaviour in supermarket aisles appear to have spiked in the 24 hours since the news.