

Under the Sea Expanded Noun Phrases

What is an expanded noun phrase?

An expanded noun phrase gives more detail or information about a noun. This can be done by adding adjectives to describe the noun or by adding a prepositional phrase to give further information about the noun.

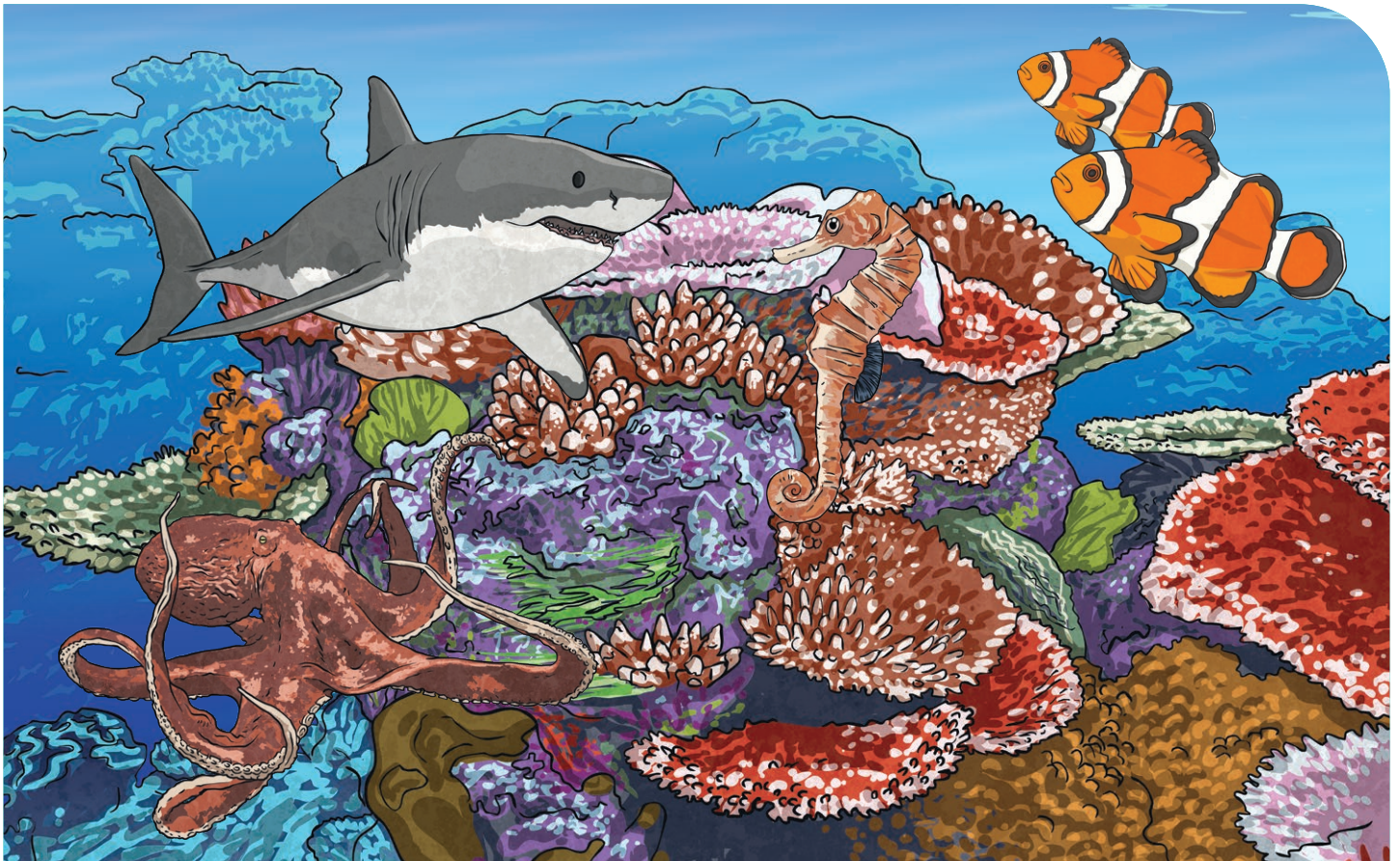
Examples

She walked through **the dark, mysterious forest.**

The tall man with the wooden walking stick strolled slowly across the road.

Check out the Expanded Noun Phrases resource in this pack for lots of examples and information.

Look at the picture of the underwater scene below. Dori has been writing some sentences about the picture. Can you improve her sentences by expanding the underlined **simple noun phrase** in each sentence by adding an adjective(s) or prepositional phrase? The first one has been done for you.



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1 The shark swam below the waves.
The shark swam below the crashing waves.

2 The shark swam below the crashing waves.

3 In the distance, an octopus meandered through the reef looking for prey.

4 On the bottom of the ocean, the seaweed gently drifted in the warm currents.

5 Covering the ocean floor, lots of coral glittered in the sun's rays.

6 Unaware of the shark, two clownfish drifted by.

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8 Dappled light broke through the surface of the sea.

9 A seahorse hovered above the reef catching plankton as it passed.

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Next, write three sentences of your own about the picture. Your sentences must include expanded noun phrases.

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