

# Homework/Extension

## Concise Noun Phrases

### National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 5: Devices to build cohesion within a paragraph [for example, then, after that, this, firstly]

English Year 5: Link ideas across paragraphs using adverbials of time [for example, later], place [for example, nearby] and number [for example, secondly] or tense choices [for example, he had seen her before]

English Year 5: (5G3.2) Using expanded noun phrases to convey complicated information concisely

Terminology for pupils:

- (5G1.5) cohesion

### Differentiation:

Questions 1, 4 and 7 (Varied Fluency)

**Developing** Identify which sentence is the odd one out. Only one expanded noun phrase per sentence.

**Expected** Identify which paragraph is the odd one out. Texts include some examples of multiple expanded noun phrases per sentence.

**Greater Depth** Identify which paragraph is the odd one out. Texts include some examples of multiple expanded noun phrases per sentence, including expansions by metaphor.

Questions 2, 5 and 8 (Varied Fluency)

**Developing** Underline the concise noun phrases used in sentences. Only one expanded noun phrase per sentence.

**Expected** Underline the concise noun phrases used in a text. Text includes some examples of multiple expanded noun phrases per sentence.

**Greater Depth** Underline the concise noun phrases used in a paragraph. Texts include some examples of multiple expanded noun phrases per sentence, including expansions by metaphor.

Questions 3, 6 and 9 (Application or Reasoning)

**Developing** Expand noun phrases with concise additional information. Only one noun phrase to be included within a sentence.

**Expected** Expand noun phrases with concise additional information. Some examples of multiple noun phrases to be included within a sentence.

**Greater Depth** Expand noun phrases with concise additional information. Noun phrases not underlined so need to be identified before expanding.

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1. Tick the sentence which has the least concise expanded noun phrase.

A. The young and energetic parrot flew across the treetops.

B. The moonlight lit up the deserted streets below.

C. My mum works in the tall, grey skyscraper in the city.



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2. Underline the concise noun phrase in each sentence below.

A. The nervous dog ran happily across the fields.

B. Ellie commutes to work each day on her old-fashioned bicycle.

C. The silver sports car sped down the lane.



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3. Expand the underlined noun phrases, making sure the information given is concise.

My family and I lived down by the river. Every morning, I would wake to the sound of the birds. They would sit on the edge of the branches until I went outside, when they would fly away. I had no idea where they went but I knew they would be back. I would then walk down to the jetty for a morning swim and to wash my clothes. It was often freezing cold but it was a good way to wake up. If I was lucky enough, I would catch a fish for my breakfast too.



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4. Tick the paragraph which has the least concise expanded noun phrases.

A. Stanley walked towards the heavy stable door. His coarse mane covered his glistening brown eyes as he twisted his neck through the opening.

B. The boiling hot sand began to burn the soles of Ahmed's feet as he climbed the sandy dunes on his way to the local market. It was the hottest day of the year so far.

C. The soft breeze blew through the open door as the fresh bread warmed in the oven. The children were preparing the picnic ready for their exciting adventure.



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5. Underline the concise noun phrases in the paragraph below.

Centuries ago, in the city of Newston, there stood the most beautiful palace overlooking the townspeople below. It was mostly made of gold and was a sight to be seen when the afternoon sun shone upon it. It was home to the queen whose family had resided there for generations. She didn't appreciate it though. She was the most bitter queen you may ever have had the fortune of meeting.



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6. Expand the underlined noun phrases, making sure the information given is concise.

As the wind howled around the house, Anthony pulled the blanket around him tighter. Wind whistled down the chimney as the flame on the candle began to move from side to side. If he didn't find somewhere else to shelter, he would be sure to catch pneumonia or worse. It was at times like this that it was hard living in the middle of nowhere, particularly in the midst of a storm. Anthony held his breath as the house continued to be battered by the storm.



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7. Tick the paragraph which has the least concise expanded noun phrases.

A. The snow was a crisp white blanket over the normally luscious green fields. This type of snow storm was not common at this time of year. It seemed to appear from nowhere. The surprised weather reporters could not explain it.

B. Cleo stared as her eyes drank in the scene in front of her. This newly-built shopping centre seemed to continue as far as she could see. As she walked into the magnificent mall, people were clustered in groups looking just as impressed.

C. Joe loved his brand-new telescope. He had always been fascinated by the planets and space. As he looked down the lens, he could see the twinkling clusters of stars as they danced across the sky.



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8. Underline the expanded noun phrases in the paragraph below, and then circle any that are not concise.

Since childhood, Rebecca had dreamt of nothing other than becoming an Olympic athlete and maybe one day being a winning champion. She would avidly watch the games, hoping that one day she would be the one climbing onto the tiered podium to receive her well-deserved medal. She would love for it to be gold but she wasn't delusional – she knew that she would have to put in the hours of rigorous training just to stand a chance of being considered. She realised that the world of athletics was a global stage and she wanted to be on it.



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9. Expand six of the noun phrases included in the paragraph below, making sure the information given is concise.

My father had always been a walking dictionary. From a young age, my grandmother always said his head was constantly stuck inside books. Whether it was an encyclopaedia or a novel, his eyes would be glued to each page. She even used to joke that it would prevent his ears from working too! When myself and Joe, my brother, were at school, Dad would encourage us to read every night and he would tell us stories that he had read as a child before bed. They were fascinating and we used to hang on his every word. He was such an amazing storyteller. I miss him so much.



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#### Developing

1. C
2. A. The nervous dog; B. her old-fashioned bicycle; C. the silver sports car
3. Various answers, for example:

My family and I lived down by the slow-moving river. Every morning, I would wake to the sound of the humming birds. They would sit on the edge of the bare branches until I went outside, when they promptly would fly away. I had no idea where they went but I knew they would be back. I would then walk down to the rickety jetty for a morning swim and to wash my clothes. It was often freezing cold but it was a good way to wake up. If I was lucky enough, I would catch a freshwater fish for my breakfast too.

#### Expected

4. B
5. Centuries ago, in the city of Newston, there stood the most beautiful palace overlooking the townspeople below. It was mostly made of gold and was a sight to be seen when the afternoon sun shone upon it. It was home to the queen whose family had resided there for generations. She didn't appreciate it though. She was the most bitter queen you may ever have had the fortune of meeting.

6. Various answers, for example:

As the ferocious wind howled around the house, Anthony pulled the patchwork blanket around him tighter. Wind whistled down the quaint chimney as the flame on the candle began to move from side to side. If he didn't find somewhere else to shelter, he would be sure to catch pneumonia or worse. It was at times like this that it was hard living in the middle of nowhere, particularly in the midst of a storm. Anthony held his breath as the dilapidated house continued to be battered by the terrifying storm.

#### Greater Depth

7. A
8. Since childhood, Rebecca had dreamt of nothing other than becoming an Olympic athlete and maybe one day being the winning champion. She would avidly watch the games, hoping that one day she would be the one climbing onto the tiered podium to receive her well-deserved medal. She would love for it to be gold but she wasn't delusional – she knew that she would have to put in the hours of rigorous training just to stand a chance of being considered. She realised that the world of athletics was a global stage and she wanted to be on it.

9. Various answers, for example:

My father had always been a walking dictionary. From a young age, my grandmother always said his busy head was constantly stuck inside books. Whether it was an encyclopaedia or a fascinating novel, his bright blue eyes would be glued to each page. She even used to joke that it would prevent his normally incredible ears from working too! When myself and Joe, my youngest brother, were at the local primary school, Dad would encourage us to read every night and he would tell us stories that he had read as a child before bed. They were fascinating and we used to hang on his every word. He was such an amazing storyteller. I miss him so much.