

Expanding Noun Phrases

1. Label the modified noun, adjectives and preposition in the expanded noun phrases below.

The tall, elderly man with a long, wooden cane, balanced precariously as he walked slowly along the uneven pavement.

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4. Bella has underlined the expanded noun phrase in the following sentence.

The water cascaded into the dark cave below the cliffs and blocked the exit of the explorers.

Explain the mistake Bella has made.

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2. Underline the expanded noun phrases in the paragraph below.

Finally, the actor in front of them finished performing around an hour after he began. However, it had merely felt like minutes. The incredible actor alongside the inspirational orchestra received a standing ovation.

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5. Complete the sentence using an expanded noun phrase.

Desperate to get back home, Blake rode...

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3. Tick the sentence which has an expanded noun phrase that includes adjectives and a prepositional phrase.

A. She stood on her tiptoes and stretched to reach up behind her classmates.

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B. The young girl with an expression of delight on her face watched the dancer carefully.

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C. The excited children walked enthusiastically into the cinema.

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6. Write two sentences to describe the character below.



Each sentence should contain an expanded noun phrase which includes two adjectives and a preposition.

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1. Modified nouns = man, cane and pavement; adjectives = tall, elderly, long, wooden and uneven; prepositions = with, along
2. Finally, the actor in front of them finished performing around forty minutes after he began. However, it had merely felt like minutes. The incredible actor alongside the inspirational orchestra received a standing ovation.
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4. Bella has forgotten to underline the determiner 'the', which is part of the expanded noun phrase.
5. Various answers, for example: Desperate to get back home, Blake rode quickly past the spooky house with a tall fence.
6. Various answers, for example: The evil sorcerer with the matted, brown hair found his final ingredient. He poured the gloopy, green liquid with a pungent smell into the cauldron.