

Expanded Noun Phrases

WALT: Use expanded noun phrases to add extra details to my writing.

WILF: I can identify nouns and noun phrases. I can add adjectives to nouns to create expanded noun phrases. I can use expanded noun phrases in my writing.

What is a Noun Phrase?



Can you remember what a noun is?

Find the noun/nouns in each of these sentences:

The boy loved playing football.

The horses galloped across the field.

The witch was creating a potion.



What is a Noun Phrase?



A phrase is a group of words that work together:
my cute puppy



A noun phrase is a group of words that have a noun as a key word:
The year two class



What is a Noun Phrase?



Find the noun phrase in each of these sentences.

The rain soaked them.

The strong wind nearly blew them over.

The road was long and winding.



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Sometimes a sentence will have more than one noun phrase.
Can you find the noun phrases?

The boy next door has a bike.

The man walked to the supermarket.



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Noun phrases can be very short:

a pen

the girl

Quite often in our writing we need to add more details so that our readers know exactly what we are writing about.

a purple pen

a young girl

When we add more details to our noun phrases they become expanded noun phrases.

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One of the most easiest ways to expand a noun phrase is to add an adjective before the noun:

a young man

the blue butterfly

To expand the noun phrase further, we can add another adjective:

a young, handsome man

the beautiful, blue butterfly



Have a go! Expand these noun phrases by adding an adjective.



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Can you expand these noun phrases by adding an adjective?

A _____ car.

A _____ house.

The _____ road.

Can you expand the noun phrases further by adding another adjective to each of them?

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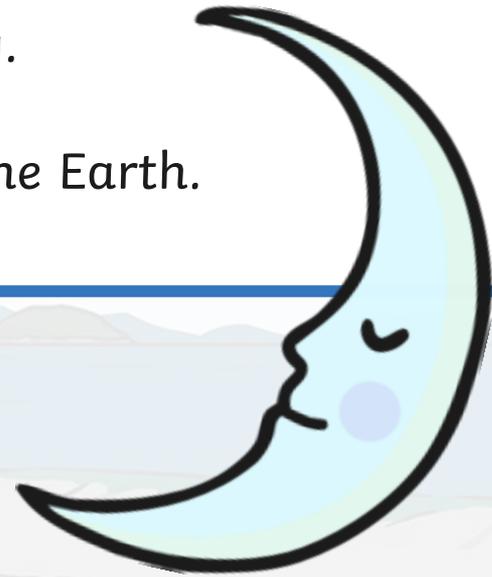


You can also expand a noun phrase by adding a preposition (information about where or when something is).

The boy on the ground was crying.

The bird in the tree sang every morning.

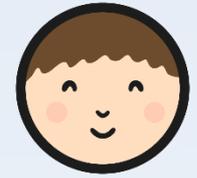
The man in the moon looked down at the Earth.



Independent Focused Activity



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The red sports car drove down the long, winding road.

b) The woman climbed the mountain.

c) There was a spider crawling up the wall.

d) The children ate the picnic.

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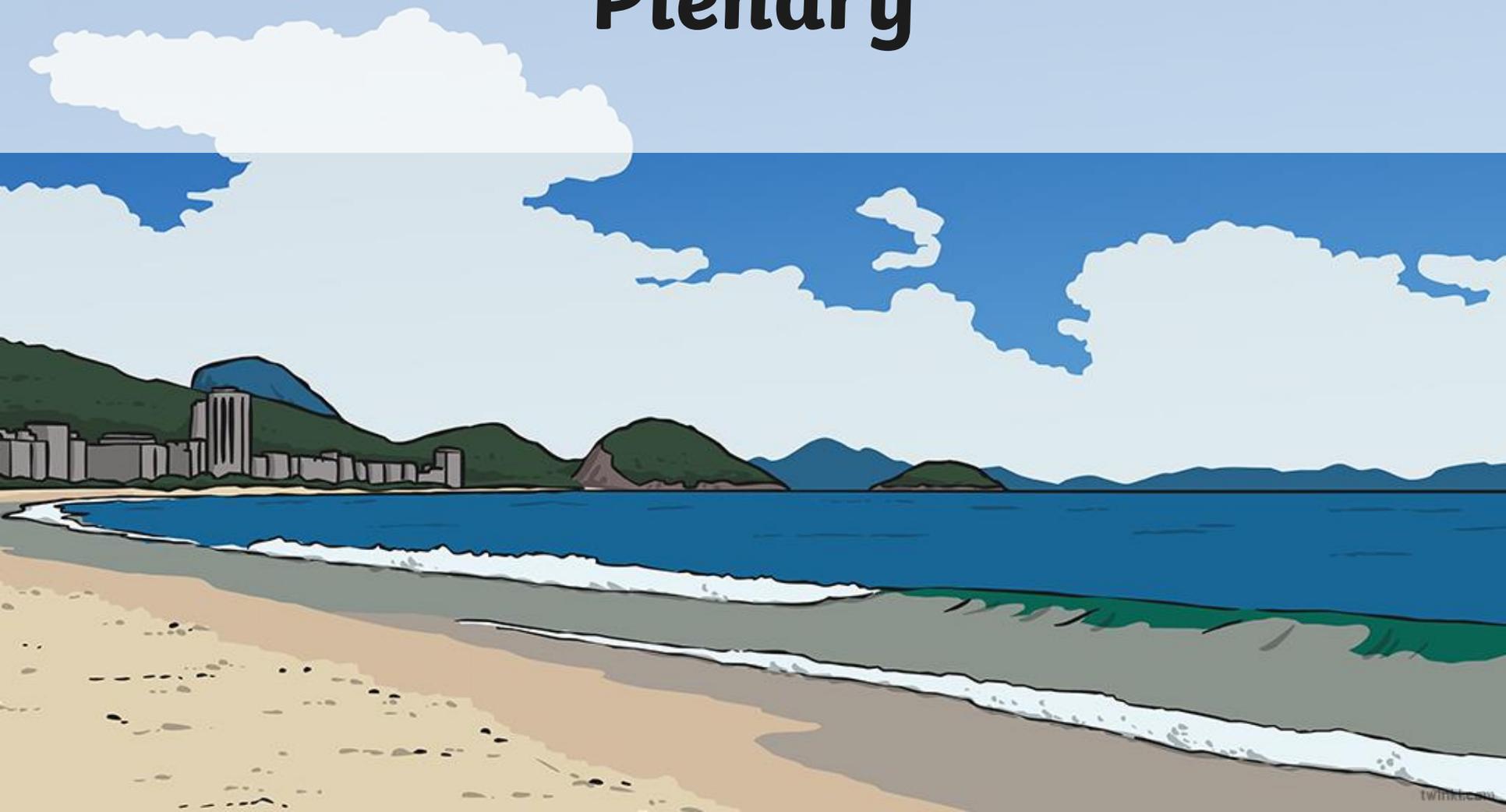
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Can you expand the noun phrases on the Expanded Noun Phrase Activity Sheet?

Each sentence has a simple noun phrase. Can you expand each noun phrase so that the sentences are clearer and more interesting?

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Spot the Noun Phrase

A noun phrase is a group of words that have a noun as a key word:

the year two class

the girl

Expanded noun phrases help us to make our writing more detailed and specific. Without these, our writing would be more difficult to understand and not as interesting.

the well behaved year two class the polite, young girl

Can you find the expanded noun phrases in this sentence?

The mischievous, young girl climbed the old oak tree.

