

Expanded Noun Phrases

An **expanded noun phrase** gives much more detail than a simple noun phrase, for example:

the fire → the **dangerous, wild forest fire in front of him.**

A common way to make an expanded noun phrase is to add adjectives, prepositions or another noun into the phrase.

Underline any **nouns** in the following sentences.
Put a circle around any **expanded noun phrases**.

1. A tight knot formed in his forehead.
2. The smouldering ashes lay on the floor.
3. He noticed a few dusty grains of dirt on his fingers.
4. The snarling creature up ahead growled.
5. Leaning against the wall were two tall bookcases.
6. Anders felt a throbbing pain along the back of his hand.



Add at least **two words** in front of these nouns to make an expanded noun phrase.

7. The trees _____
8. A creature _____
9. The river _____
10. His sword _____

Write an **expanded noun phrase** to complete these sentences.

11. _____ roared loudly at Anders.
12. _____ crept silently closer.
13. _____ rose up majestically into the sky.

