

What Is a Simple Noun Phrase?

The caterpillar had many shoes.

noun verb noun

A simple noun phrase introduces a person, object or animal but with no extra description.



How could we improve this sentence?

What Is an Expanded Noun Phrase?

The small, friendly adjective caterpillar had a sturdy, green boots. adjective adjective noun

An expanded noun phrase uses adjectives to describe a noun.

What punctuation mark is between the pairs of adjectives?

How Do We Expand a Noun Phrase?

The caterpillar was on the leaf.

The long, emerald caterpillar was on the luscious, fresh leaf.

Remember: Try to use two adjectives separated by a comma before each noun.

Expand the Noun Phrases

Use the Expand the Noun Phrases activity sheets to create some expanded noun phrases of your own.

Read the sentences.
Put in two adjectives to describe the noun.
Act it out to your partner.

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Cut up the sentences.
Use two adjectives before each noun.
Use a comma between the two adjectives.

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Look at the picture.
Write an expanded noun phrase for each noun. Then, try to use positional language to say where the noun is.
