Expanded noun phrases

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Part 1 of 3

Find the noun, then add useful detail.

the cat → the sleepy cat → the sleepy cat on the sofa



Use the picture for question 1.

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1 **Read "the tiny mouse under the chair". What is the main noun? Which words add detail about it?**

2 **"The brave firefighter climbed the ladder." Write just the expanded noun phrase naming the firefighter.**

3 **"The cat jumped off the sofa." Do "jumped off the sofa" describe the cat or tell us what it did? Explain.**

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Choose detail that helps your reader.

Say your phrase aloud before writing. One useful describing word can be enough.



Look closely at the dog for question 4.

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4 **A dog is outside in the rain, with mud on its fur. Expand "the dog" with one useful adjective. Why does it fit?**

5 **Expand "the bag" with detail after the noun. Tell us where the bag is.**

6 **Use your whole bag phrase in a complete sentence. Start with a capital letter and end with a full stop.**

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Use a whole phrase in your own sentence.

In the last task, choose words that help someone identify the right key.



Think about the cat in question 7.

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7 **Is “the sleepy cat” already an expanded noun phrase? Explain. Does it need two adjectives?**

8 **Try a new scene. Two keys are on a table. One is small and silver. Write a phrase that helps someone choose that key, then use your whole phrase in a sentence. Explain which detail helps you choose.**

Check: find your main noun. Does your detail help? Read your whole sentence aloud. Check its capital letter and full stop.

Try a fresh example aloud with a grown-up using an object you can see. Use your own words.