

# Varied Fluency

## Step 3: Using Expanded Noun Phrases

### National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 4: (4G3.2) [Noun phrases expanded by the addition of modifying adjectives, nouns and preposition phrases \(e.g. the teacher expanded to: the strict maths teacher with curly hair\)](#)

### Differentiation:

**Developing** Questions to support using expanded noun phrases in short/simple sentences, containing adjectives and prepositions.

**Expected** Questions to support using expanded noun phrases within sentences of multiple clauses, containing adjectives, modifying nouns and prepositions.

**Greater Depth** Questions to support using expanded noun phrases within sentences of multiple clauses, containing adjectives, adverbs and multi-word prepositions.

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## Using Expanded Noun Phrases

1a. Underline the expanded noun phrase in the sentence below.

A grey cat with a long tail is climbing the tree.



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1b. Underline the expanded noun phrase in the sentence below.

The river next to the town is full of litter.



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2a. Tick the features that have been used in the underlined expanded noun phrase.

The strict teacher told us to write neatly.

determiner

adjective

prepositional phrase



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2b. Tick the features that have been used in the underlined expanded noun phrase.

We like to go to the café near the bridge.

determiner

adjective

prepositional phrase



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3a. Choose the noun phrase that makes most sense in the sentence below.

I like to play on \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

A. a plant with the prickly leaves

B. a sharp knife with a long blade

C. the swings in the park



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3b. Choose the noun phrase that makes most sense in the sentence below.

I am scared when I see \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

A. the beautiful, sandy beach

B. flashes of lightning in the sky

C. presents under the Christmas tree



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4a. Underline the expanded noun phrase in the sentence below.

The new girl next to me is good at maths and helps me with mine.



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4b. Underline the expanded noun phrase in the sentence below.

The big house at the end of the road is for sale and it is expensive.



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5a. Tick the features that have been used in the underlined expanded noun phrase.

I saw a red car in the car park a few minutes ago.

determiner

adjective

modifying noun

prepositional phrase



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5b. Tick the features that have been used in the underlined expanded noun phrase.

I had a fantastic birthday because we played some fun party games.

determiner

adjective

modifying noun

prepositional phrase



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6a. Choose the noun phrase that makes most sense in the sentence below.

I walked past the \_\_\_\_\_

and it gave me the creeps.

A. house with the shiny, blue door

B. empty house next to the graveyard

C. little cottage with the pretty garden



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6b. Choose the noun phrase that makes most sense in the sentence below.

I laughed when I saw \_\_\_\_\_

because it looked so funny.

A. the tall clown on a tiny bike

B. the huge spider with hairy legs

C. the old woman with sad eyes



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## Using Expanded Noun Phrases

7a. Underline the expanded noun phrases in the sentence below.

The plant in the pot in front of the window is growing and has got some little flower buds.



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7b. Underline the expanded noun phrases in the sentence below.

The car in front of us has broken down and it seems to have a couple of flat tyres.



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8a. Tick the features that have been used in the underlined expanded noun phrase.

There's a very old photograph on the shelf above the fire because it is of my dad when he was a child.

determiner

adjective

adverb

prepositional phrase



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8b. Tick the features that have been used in the underlined expanded noun phrase.

I go to the new shop near school to buy a comic with my pocket money.

determiner

adjective

adverb

prepositional phrase



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9a. Choose the two noun phrases that make most sense in the sentence below.

I am scared of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

and \_\_\_\_\_.

A. strange clowns with painted faces

B. pretty butterflies with colourful wings

C. small kittens with soft fur

D. huge spiders with long, hairy legs



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9b. Choose the two noun phrases that make most sense in the sentence below.

I like to play in \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

and \_\_\_\_\_.

A. the little park near to my school

B. the garden in front of my house

C. the graveyard beside the church

D. a busy road near a supermarket



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**Developing**

- 1a. 'A grey cat with a long tail'
- 2a. Determiner and adjective
- 3a. C

**Expected**

- 4a. 'The new girl next to me'
- 5a. Determiner, adjective and prepositional phrase
- 6a. B

**Greater Depth**

- 7a. 'The plant in the pot in front of the window' and 'some little flower buds'
- 8a. Determiner, adjective, adverb and prepositional phrase
- 9a. A and D

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**Developing**

- 1b. 'The river next to the town'
- 2b. Determiner and prepositional phrase
- 3b. B

**Expected**

- 4b. 'The big house at the end of the road'
- 5b. Determiner, adjective and modifying noun
- 6b. A

**Greater Depth**

- 7b. 'The car in front of us' and 'a couple of flat tyres'
- 8b. Determiner, adjective and prepositional phrase
- 9b. A and B