

Year 4 Using Expanded Noun Phrases – Guidance for Parents

Activity:

The aim of this activity is for children to practise using expanded noun phrases. There are three questions to complete. The first two questions allow children to practise the skill, while the third question extends them as they have to apply their learning to get the answer.

Vocabulary:

An **expanded noun phrase** is a noun phrase which gives more information about the noun, such as, using adjectives to describe it. For example: The tall, beautiful roses.

A **preposition** is a type of word used to express time, place or cause, for example: after, under, over.

A **clause** contains a subject and a verb. For example: The child ran. 'The child' is the subject and 'ran' is the verb. There are **main clauses** and **subordinate clauses**.

Adjectives describe nouns. They can describe aspects like colour, shape, size and age, amongst other qualities.

A **Determiner** is a word that comes before a noun or a noun phrase, for example 'the'.

A **modifying noun** is when two nouns are used together, with one added to enhance the meaning of the other, for example a train station or a bus station. The nouns 'train' and 'bus' tell you which type of station it is.

Supporting resources:

You can watch the answer explanation video which takes children through this activity and ways to answer it on [https://www.youtube.com/user/ClassroomSecretsLtd/](https://www.youtube.com/user/ClassroomSecretsLtd/playlists) **playlists** >> **Year 4 Playlist** >> **Expanded Noun Phrases Answer Explanation**.

Other resources:

If your child enjoyed this activity and wants to try more activities linked to this learning, you can sign up for £4.83 per month on classroomsecrets.co.uk/membership.

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Using Expanded Noun Phrases

1. **A:** determiner, adjective, modifying noun, prepositional phrase;
B: determiner, modifying noun
2. **B**
3. Various answers, for example: I used my time off to stay in a luxury hotel in the middle of golden sandy beaches but it rained some of the days.