

Recognising Noun Phrases

1. Underline the noun phrases in each sentence below.

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C. My cousin is moving to a house that has a pool in the garden.

D. Outside, the rain was pouring so Max couldn't go to the park to meet his friends.

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4. Khloe says that she has underlined all of the expanded noun phrases in the sentence below.

There is a long, winding road with lots of potholes which travel through the desert for several miles before it winds itself through the enormous hills.

Find and explain Khloe's mistake(s).

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2. Look at the noun phrase below.

his long, black tongue

Rewrite the sentence below using the given noun phrase.

The giraffe stretched out to reach the leaves on the tallest tree.

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5. Use the nouns below to create two sentences which each contain an expanded noun phrase. You must include at least one adjective and one prepositional phrase in your sentences.

carriage

horse

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3. Tick the sentences below that include an expanded noun phrase which uses two adjectives and a prepositional phrase.

A. The impatient, old man with the walking stick was shouting at the shop keeper.

B. Unfortunately, my new, red bike with the basket on the front was broken by my sister.

C. I couldn't believe it when I saw my favourite band performing on stage.

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6. Zack has written the sentence below including expanded noun phrases.

	The old, derelict house with the
	crooked driveway was hidden
	behind the dark, spooky woods.

Explain how Zack has expanded the noun phrases in his sentence.

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2. The giraffe stretched out his long, black tongue to reach the leaves on the tallest tree.
3. A and B
4. Khloe is incorrect because she has not included the prepositional phrase 'with lots of potholes' which forms part of the noun phrase expanded 'a long, winding road.' She has also identified through the desert as an expanded noun phrase but this is an adverbial phrase describing where the road travels. She has correctly underlined the expanded noun phrase 'the enormous hills'.
5. Various answers, for example:
The majestic, grey horse with a plaited mane stood patiently waiting for the occupants of the golden carriage to exit.
The ornate carriage with enormous, red wheels bounced along the uneven path as the white horse pulled it along from the front.
6. Zack has added the adjectives 'old' and 'derelict' and the prepositional phrase 'with the crooked driveway' to the noun phrase 'the house'. He has also used the adjectives 'dark' and 'spooky' to expand the noun phrase 'the woods'.