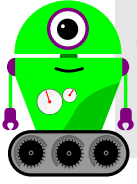


Expanded Noun Phrases to Convey Complicated Information Concisely



A noun phrase is a group of words that works together and contains a noun e.g. a cottage. An expanded noun phrase gives the reader extra information about the noun e.g. an attractive cottage with colourful flowers growing in the garden.

- 1) Expand the noun phrases below by adding interesting adjectives and extra information. The first one has been done for you.

the Doberman the powerful, black Doberman with exposed, sharp teeth

the boy _____

the woman _____

the scientist _____

the castle _____

- 2) Tick the sentences that contain an expanded noun phrase.

The unforeseen, devastating tsunami crashed onto the shore.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The carefree girl, with plaits in her hair, strolled through the flowery meadow.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The teacher tried to engage his class but they weren't interested.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The old, dilapidated cottage was nestled on the edge of a gloomy forest.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The hedgehog hibernated in a cosy, wooden box during the cold, winter months.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The athlete joyfully completed the marathon.	<input type="checkbox"/>

- 3) Improve the sentences below so that they contain expanded noun phrases. Make them as interesting as possible.

The children stumbled into a cave.

The gate swung open.

The grass swayed in the breeze.

