

Expanded Noun Phrases

Anchor Chart



An **expanded noun phrase** gives **more information** about a noun by adding words **before** or **after** it.

THE BUILDING BLOCKS

DETERMINER

tells us which one



a, an, the,
my, this, those,
some, many

MODIFIER(S)

describe the noun



adjectives,
numbers,
quantifiers,
prepositional
phrases

NOUN

the person,
place, thing
or idea



dog, city,
book, joy

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describe the noun



adjectives,
prepositional
phrases,
participial
phrases

PREPOSITIONAL PHRASE

adds more information



in the garden,
with a red collar,
under the tree

EXAMPLES

the fluffy white dog with a red collar

→ the fluffy white dog
with a red collar

an ancient stone castle on the hill

→ an ancient stone castle
on the hill

my favourite book about space

→ my favourite book
about space

three tall oak trees beside the river

→ three tall oak trees
beside the river

TIP CHECKLIST



Start with the noun.



Add words before or after it.



Make sure it makes sense.



Use adjectives, numbers and prepositional phrases.



Add details to make your writing more interesting!