Expanded Noun Phrases

A 'how-to' guide.



Before reading this PowerPoint, it is helpful to know the following terms:

Noun

Adjective

Prepositional phrase

If these terms are not familiar to you, there is an earlier PowerPoint on the website which can be read first!



An expanded noun phrase may often be referred to as ENP.

An ENP is a phrase - it has no verb.

It is NOT a full sentence. It shouldn't make sense on its own.

Add a noun to modify

A dog

Add adjectives to modify

A Border Collie dog

Add a prepositional phrase/more description (with...) to give extra details

A fluffy, friendly Border Collie dog

A fluffy, friendly Border Collie dog with a blue collar





An expanded noun phrase gives much more detail than a simple noun phrase, for example:

A road

Add adjectives to modify

Add a prepositional phrase/more description (with...) to give extra details

A bumpy, old, cobbled road

A bumpy, old cobbled road with grass on either side



Add adjectives to modify

Add a prepositional phrase/more description (with...) to give extra details

Two bushes



Two thick, prickly bushes

Two thick, prickly bushes in the middle of the forest

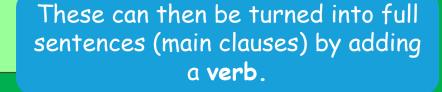


How to construct an ENP

A fluffy, white dog with a pink collar.



The ancient, tarnished windows on the front of the house.





Any questions?

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher who will be happy to assist you!

