

Expanded Noun Phrases

What is a **noun phrase**?

How can you build one? What type of words can be used?

How can you identify a noun phrase?



Nouns

A **noun** names a person, place, idea, thing or feeling.

a garden
the unity
an idea
cookies

In front of a **noun**, we often have

a an the

determiners



Adjectives

An **adjective** is a describing word.
It tells you more about a **noun**.

noun phrases

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the wonderful unity
a powerful idea
home-made cookies

A **noun phrase** adds extra detail
to the head **noun**.



Adverbs

An **adverb** can modify **adjectives**.

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These **noun phrases** include **nouns**, **adjectives**, **adverbs** and **determiners**.

We can test a **noun phrase** by seeing if it can be replaced by a **pronoun**.

*She knew that **the utterly wonderful unity** was real.*

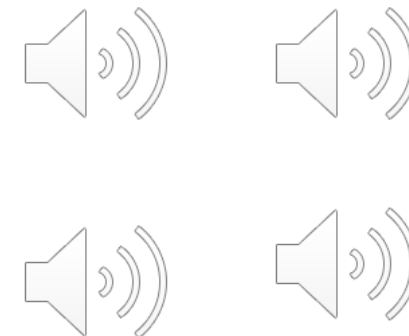
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You can develop an **expanded noun phrase** by adding a **prepositional phrase**.

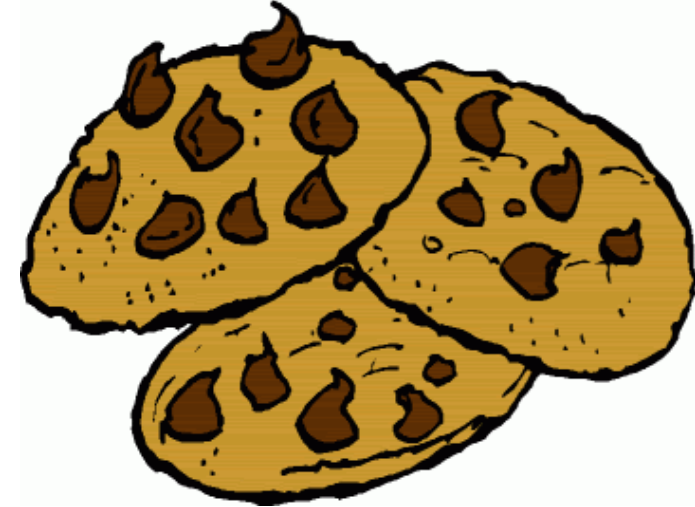


the home-made cookies

the home-made cookies in the biscuit tin

the home-made cookies with chocolate chips

the home-made cookies from next-door



The **prepositional phrase**
modifies the **noun**...

and expands the image of the noun.



Prepositions

with, of, by, from, on, under, below,
between, inside, next to, over, by, in

Can you spot the **head nouns**? *The noun the phrase is built around*

Can you spot the **noun phrases**? *The words which work together to expand on the noun*

It was it which first alerted Percy.

It swung them as it ran.

it was following them.

It had them and it was getting closer.

Percy recognised it at the window.



To test which words make up the **expanded noun phrase**, use the pronoun test.

ANSWERS

So how can we use this knowledge?

- to help us create impactful images.

wings

eyes

teeth

claws

smile

Try building some **expanded noun phrases** around some of these nouns.



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