

Expanded noun phrases

Remember

Noun phrases add more information to sentences. A noun phrase can be expanded using adjectives. For example: 'beautiful', 'ancient'. It can also include a preposition with another noun (a prepositional phrase). For example: 'behind the farmhouse'. This expanded noun phrase has both: '**The beautiful, ancient tree behind the farmhouse** was struck by lightning'.



Practise

- 1 Sort these words into the table. Decide if they are adjectives or nouns.

Mum teacher impatient flock
missing courage delicious irregular

Adjectives	Nouns

- 2 Label the different parts of the expanded noun phrases. Write **A** for adjective, **D** for determiner, **N** for noun and **P** for prepositional phrase.

a. the small houses

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b. some round, green pebbles

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c. that amazing, breath-taking view over the lake

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d. your quick, helpful decision about the problem

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