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Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

Expanded Noun Phrases

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Introductory Activity

Independent Focused Activity

Review Activity

Consolidation Activity

Assessment

Aim

- I can expand a simple noun phrase.

Success Criteria

- I can write a simple noun phrase.
- I can use adjectives to expand a simple noun phrase.
- I can select adjective(s) to describe a noun to create effects.
- I can add expansion after the noun phrase.

Introductory Activity

Adding Adjectives

Nouns

Nouns are often known as 'naming words' because they can name people, places and things.

girl

↑

noun

Simple noun phrases

Simple noun phrases are groups of words, including a noun, that make up part of a sentence.

The noun is the main word in the phrase and other words give information about it.

The girl

↑ ↑

determiner   noun

Adding Adjectives

Expanded noun phrases

Expanded noun phrases give more detail than a simple noun phrase.

The tall, sporty girl

determiner   adjective   noun

Simple noun phrases

You add adjectives after the determiner to make an expanded noun phrase

This adds extra detail about the noun.

Determiners are placed before the noun and help to describe it.

Adding Adjectives

Discuss this example with a partner.
Any questions?

Noun	cow
simple noun phrase	a cow
Noun phrase expanded by an adjective or two	a round-bellied, inquisitive cow

Adding Adjectives

> Work with a partner, draw the table on your whiteboard and fill it in.

Noun	
simple noun phrase	
Noun phrase expanded by an adjective or two	

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Adding Adjectives

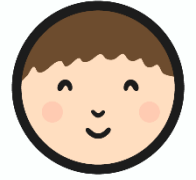Work with a partner, draw the table on your whiteboard and fill it in.

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Adjectives for Effect

The adjectives we choose to expand the noun phrase can create very different effects.

Example – the house
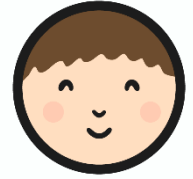

We could see a **bright**, **airy** house. We could see a **dark**, **gloomy** house.

Review Activity

Spooky Settings

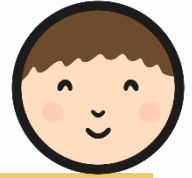Recap.

What have you learned so far?

Why do we use expanded noun phrases?

I've learned that we can use adjectives to create expanded noun phrases which add information to nouns.

They make my writing more interesting and can help the reader to build a picture in their minds.

Spooky Settings

Did you know that you can put the expansion before or after the noun? As well as adjectives, you can add other pieces of information that are still part of the whole noun phrase.

The <u>big, haunted</u> **house** with broken windows was very scary.

Can you work out which part of each sentence is an expanded noun phrase in these examples?

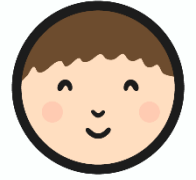They knocked on the big, wooden door with the paint peeling off.

Everyone was afraid of the mean, old witch with the pointy hat.

The evil creature that howled all night was never allowed outside.
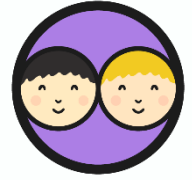
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Spooky Settings

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Consolidation Activity

Consequence Game

- Work in pairs using plain A4 paper.
- The first player draws the head of a monster and passes it unseen (by means of folding) to the second player.
- The second player draws the body, then passes it back to the first player.
- The first player draws the legs then passes it on.

Reveal the monster by unfolding the paper.

Firstly, identify the monster with a simple noun phrase 'the monster'.
Create sentences to describe the monster using expanded noun phrases.