

# Day 1

## Teach

Watch the first video on this website and then read through the information. When finished, watch the second video:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/znpbgwx>

Or, read this information below:

### **Noun phrase:**

A noun phrase is a simple phrase built around a noun. It contains a determiner and a noun.

For example: a tree, some sweets, the castle

### **Expanded noun phrase**

An expanded noun phrase adds more detail to the noun by adding one or more adjectives. An adjective is a word that describes a noun.

For example: a huge tree, some colourful sweets, the large, royal castle

An expanded noun phrase can also add detail by saying where a noun is.

For example: a tree next to the house, some sweets on the floor, the castle by the ocean.

Writers use adjectives and expanded noun phrases to make their writing more descriptive. They help to give the reader a better picture in their head of what the writer is trying to describe.

For example, the expanded noun phrase 'a cute, baby elephant' gives you a much clearer picture than just writing 'the elephant' would.

## Practice

### Activity 1

You will need paper and a pen for this activity.

Can you improve a sentence by adding adjectives to create an expanded noun phrase?

For example: '**The man visited a house on the edge of the woods.**' could become 'The *old* man visited the *derelict, haunted* house on the edge of the *dark, gloomy* woods.'

Have a go at improving these sentences:

The boy walked into the forest.

The girl caught a fish.

The sun shone across the meadow.

The dolphin jumped in the sea.

The bird built a nest in a tree.

**Great Job - Have a go at writing your own sentences with an expanded noun phrase.**

## Day 2

### Teach

Work through the information on this website, watching the videos:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zkcd7sq>

If you can't watch the video, read the information below.

A **relative clause** can be used to give additional information about a **noun** (naming word). They can be used to create **complex sentences** as they are a type of **subordinate clause**.

**Relative clauses** come directly after the noun they are referring to. This might be at the end of a sentence or embedded into the middle of a sentence. If embedded into the middle of a sentence, the relative clause is usually surrounded by commas.

#### Relative pronouns

Relative clauses are introduced by a **relative pronoun**. The relative pronoun you will use depends on the person or type of thing you are writing about.

Relative pronouns include:

- Who - a person or people
- Which - an object, a place or animals
- That - an object, a place or a person
- When - a time
- Where - a place

For example, look at these two simple sentences:

The Cubs took part in a challenge. They were in their house.

They were in their house is extra information, so this forms the relative clause.

Below, the relative pronoun, 'who', is used to create a relative clause so these two simple sentences can be connected.

The Cubs, who were in their house, took part in a challenge.

## Practice

### Activity 1

# The Global Gazette

## Cubs Courageously Climb Everest!

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***A member of the Cub group climbs their stairs as part of the tiring attempt***

Yesterday, a group of Cubs completed a challenge to climb Mount Everest by climbing their stairs as part of a 'stay at home' challenge.

Seventeen Cubs and four leaders, who are from the Stockport area, completed the grueling challenge over 48 hours. In total, the group managed to climb a mammoth 8907 meters, which is 59 meters higher than Everest itself.



To help get into the mountaineering spirit, the intrepid climbers geared up in their climbing kit, that included goggles, gloves and ski jackets. Members of the group, who are aged 8 – 10, were thrilled to take part in the challenge. Pack leader, Jon Speilman expressed, "I am so so proud of the group, they really did put their all into this!"

James Watson, who is head of UK Mountaineering, has expressed his delight in seeing young explorers attempt such a challenging feat despite having to stay indoors. Some participants, who wanted to get the true mountaineering experience, decided to camp out in a homemade 'base camp' in their garden.

The efforts of this tremendous bunch must be acknowledged by all. Time will tell if more fascinating challenges come to light in the coming weeks.

### TASK 1

Can you identify the relative clauses within this short newspaper report?

**Top tip:** Look for the relative pronouns!

### TASK 2

Add an embedded relative clause to these sentences.

**Top tip:** An embedded relative clause should be surrounded by commas!

