

2 Day Emergency Plan Year 3 English Day 1

Learning focus

To understand noun phrases and use extended noun phrases for description.

This lesson includes:

- two videos
- three activities

Learn

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

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

Watch this video to learn more about expanded noun phrases.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zmqh2v4>

When writing description, it's useful to use lots of expanded noun phrases because the adjectives will help your reader to picture your story better.

Watch the following clip to learn even more about how expanded noun phrases can be used to add description.

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Practise

You may need paper and a pen or pencil for some of these activities.

Activity 1

Check to see how well you understood the videos by completing this activity.

Highlight all the expanded noun phrases used in the paragraph.

Top tip!

Look for the **noun** (person, place or thing) and then find the **determiner** ('the' or 'a') and the **adjective** (a word to describe the noun). All these together make an expanded noun phrase.

For example: The house was next to the huge lake. The noun is 'lake', the determiner is 'the' and 'huge' is the adjective.

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Activity 2



Look at the picture of Zorb, the happy alien that lives on planet Zoom.

Write at least four expanded noun phrases about Zorb.

Then write at least four expanded noun phrases about his planet.

Top tip!

Choose a noun you can see. For example, Zorb's eyes, ears, skin or antenna. Then choose one or two adjectives to describe the noun.

If you use two adjectives, don't forget to include a comma between them. For example:

- his large, pointy ears
- the orange, dusty planet

Activity 3

Now write a paragraph describing Zorb and his planet.

Your paragraph should be five sentences long and include six expanded noun phrases.

Use the examples that you came up with in Activity 2 and put them into full sentences so that they make sense.

You must include:

- what Zorb looks like
- what Zorb's personality is like
- what his planet is like

Top tip!



You can include more than one expanded noun phrase in a sentence. For example:

Zorb was a happy, friendly alien who had a large, kind smile.