

Using Modifying Adjectives and Preposition Phrases - to create expanded noun phrases

An expanded noun phrase provides extra information about the noun. You can use adjectives and preposition phrases to modify the description given by the noun and provide clarity in your writing.

noun phrase

your sister
the town
the castle
a man
my bag
some cats
a bunch of flowers
my cousin
the bird
our car
the meal
the tree
an insect
the present

adjectives

colour – red, green, turquoise, silver, gold, blue, purple, white, black
size – gigantic, minuscule, huge, miniature, tiny, vast, colossal, massive, enormous
condition – pristine, shabby, neat, tidy, dirty, tatty, dilapidated, spotless
age – ancient, young, ten-year-old, newborn, prehistoric, old, new
personality – kind, obnoxious, shy, generous, grumpy, mischievous, cunning, helpful, friendly
texture – wrinkly, silky, smooth, shiny, crumpled, prickly, bumpy, crunchy, soft, hard
feeling – despondent, ecstatic, indecisive, heartbroken, exhausted, agitated, anxious, jovial
appearance – muscular, cute, handsome, gruesome, thin, fat, tall, blue-eyed, colourful, hideous
shape – circular, square, oval, rectangular, irregular
origin/ nationality – British, Greek, Norse, Viking, Roman, Welsh, Spanish

preposition phrase

beside the river
near the town
with the _____ hair
in the water
down the road
during the night
through the winter
this evening
on the table
between the houses
underneath the waterfall
before morning
towards home
from my grandparents
because of the weather