

Expanding **Noun Phrases** using **Prepositional Phrases**

We can expand **noun phrases** by adding adjectives, adverbs and determiners.

the rather ingenious detective bear



We can also expand **noun phrases** by adding a prepositional phrase after the head noun.

the bear with a rather helpful magnifying glass

Prepositions

Prepositions tell us how words are related.

of
with
without
by
from

above
over
on
outside
between
inside
under
below

from

Prepositions are useful for adding extra information about a **noun**.

Expanded Noun Phrases

You can develop an **expanded noun phrase** by adding a **prepositional phrase**.

an old, cloudy bottle

an old, cloudy bottle **with** a message in

an old, cloudy bottle **on** the beach

an old, cloudy bottle **from** foreign shores

The **prepositional phrase** modifies the **noun**.

Prepositions

with, of
by, from
on, under, below,
between, inside,
next to, over, by, in

Examples

Building Expanded Noun Phrases

an old and crumpled treasure map **in** the trunk

the wooden planks **from** a wrecked ship

a gold coin **with** strange markings

slimy seaweed **below** the waves

Choose a noun phrase. Expand it using a preposition.

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