

# English Lesson 2

Can I use a range of  
adjectives to write expanded  
noun phrases?

Starter: Think of ways to end these sentences. Possible answers are on the next slide!

In the blink of an eye, ...

All of a sudden, ...

Far in the distance, I saw ...

# Starter: Answers. Must include complete sentences that make sense.

Example:

In the blink of an eye, a flash of lightning leapt out of the sky.

All of a sudden, Peanut jumped onto the doorframe and gave Miss Forge a fright!

Far in the distance, I saw the silhouette of a person, lurking ominously.

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warm, sunny, tall,  
bright, cheerful,  
peaceful, tranquil...

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One type of expanded noun phrase is where we use two adjectives, separated by a comma, to describe a noun. We know it as:

**adjective + adjective + noun**

This is an effective technique to make our writing more descriptive. By using appropriate adjectives, we can create a more vivid picture of what we are describing to our readers. Not only does it make our writing more descriptive, but it also makes it much more interesting and entertaining to read.

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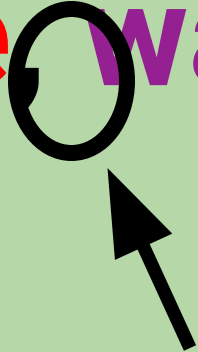


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We must remember to punctuate our expanded noun phrases correctly! Don't forget the comma!

# Which sentence is more interesting?

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or

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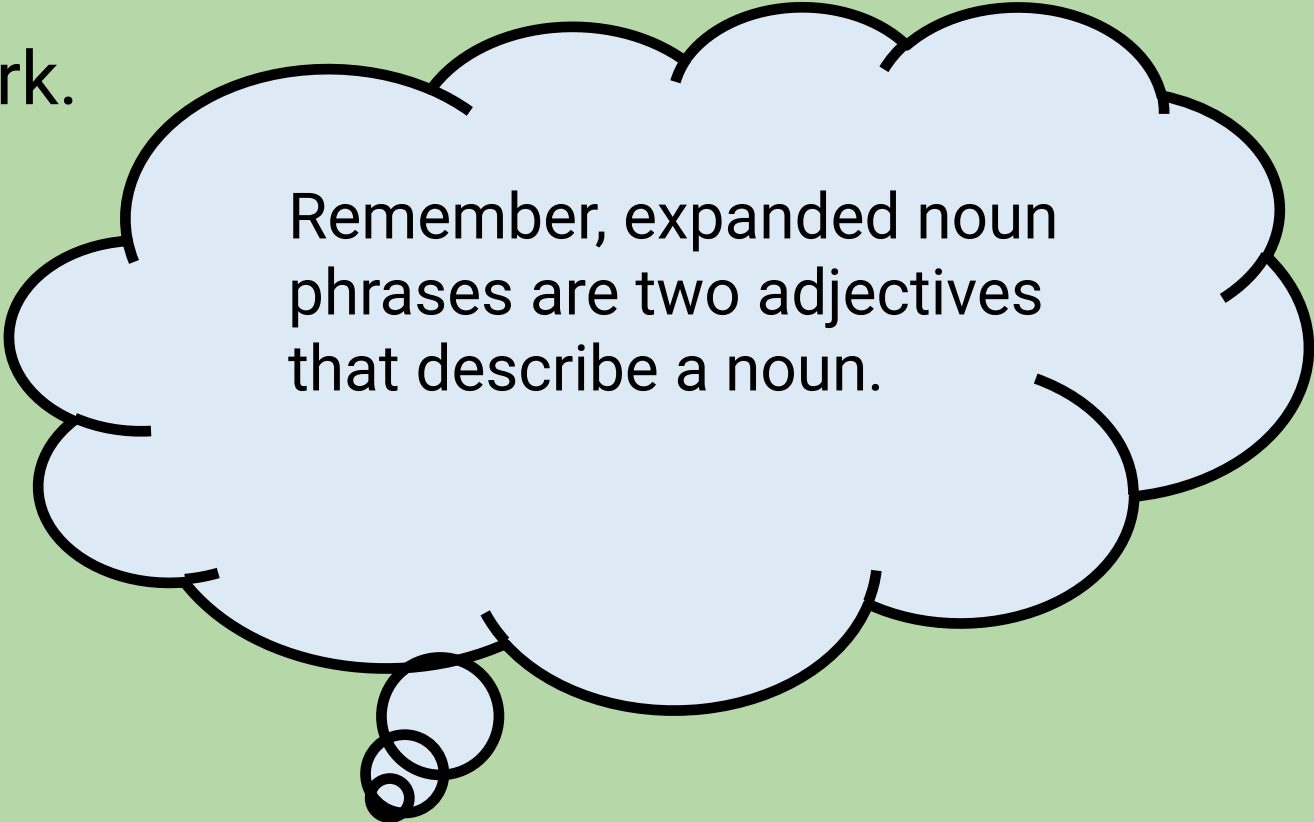
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The children went to the dark, abandoned park.

This sentence is much more interesting as it is adding more detail about the park. It also builds suspense and tension by including ominous adjectives.

Can you think of any other expanded noun phrases to improve this sentence?

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Remember, expanded noun phrases are two adjectives that describe a noun.



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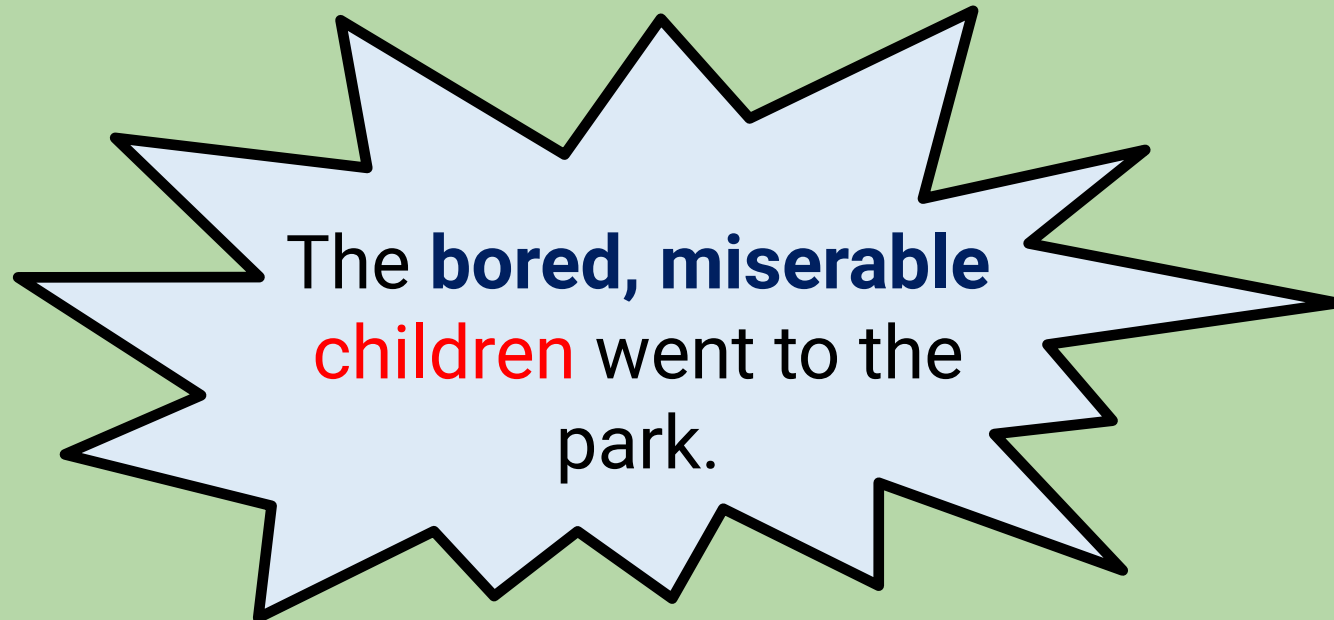
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# Activity

**Red:** Create a word bank of adjectives that will be useful to describe the setting. Write expanded noun phrases to describe the picture of the setting.

**Yellow:** Create a word bank of adjectives that will be useful to describe the setting. Write expanded noun phrases to describe the picture of the setting. Use the expanded noun phrases in sentences to describe the setting.

**Green:** Create a word bank of adjectives that will be useful to describe the setting. Using adjectives from your word bank, write sentences that have expanded noun phrases in to describe this setting.