

# Varied Fluency

## Step 1: Recognising Noun Phrases

### National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 5: (5G3.2) [Using expanded noun phrases to convey complicated information concisely](#)

### Differentiation:

**Developing** Questions to support recognising noun phrases, with modifying adjectives, for example: 'A big, lazy dog.' Uses single clause sentences.

**Expected** Questions to support recognising noun phrases, with modifying adjectives and prepositional phrases, for example: 'The big, lazy dog under the tree.' Uses single and multi-clause sentences.

**Greater Depth** Questions to support recognising multiple noun phrases, with modifying adjectives and prepositional phrases within multi-clause sentences, for example: 'The big, lazy dog under the tree, stretched his long, muddy legs and closed his eyes for a nap.'

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## Recognising Noun Phrases

1a. Circle all the nouns.

I have a stunning, red flower.

Now find two examples of...

an adjective	



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## Recognising Noun Phrases

1b. Circle all the nouns.

The coat I've ordered is a puffy, yellow jacket.

Now find two examples of...

an adjective	



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2a. Underline the expanded noun phrase.

Jan was taking care of her younger, crazy little sister.



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2b. Underline the expanded noun phrase.

Jack had been given a shiny, new bike.



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3a. Look at the noun phrase below.

a big, green coat

Rewrite the sentence below including the noun phrase above.

It was the first thing that caught her eye.



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3b. Look at the noun phrase below.

a long, wiggly worm

Rewrite the sentence below including the noun phrase above.

The bird caught something in its mouth.



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4a. True or false? This sentence contains two adjectives.

The bird was basking in the bright, warm sunshine.



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4b. True or false? This sentence contains two adjectives.

Leave your wet, muddy boots outside.



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## Recognising Noun Phrases

5a. Circle all the nouns.

Even though they were all tired, the brave, determined climbers continued to climb up the mountain.

Now find one example of...

an adjective	a verb



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## Recognising Noun Phrases

5b. Circle all the nouns.

The flashy, rare sports car on display in the shopping centre was worth over one million pounds.

Now find one example of...

a preposition	an adjective



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6a. Underline the expanded noun phrase.

The poster advised that any large, brown packets on the top shelf must be disposed of carefully.



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6b. Underline the expanded noun phrase.

Despite the long, thick hair on top of his head, he needed his hat to keep warm in the winter.



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7a. Look at the noun phrase below.

a red, sparkly unicorn on the front

Rewrite the sentence below including the noun phrase above.

Evie Mae proudly wore her homemade dress.



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7b. Look at the noun phrase below.

some clean, crisp sheets on each bed

Rewrite the sentence below including the noun phrase above.

The hotel staff were asked to tidy each room.



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8a. True or false? This sentence contains two adjectives and one noun.

Diana spotted a colourful, rare parrot high on a branch, when she was in Brazil.



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8b. True or false? This sentence contains two adjectives and four nouns.

The builders left a small, red brick in the middle of the floor and I fell over it in the night.



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## Recognising Noun Phrases

9a. Circle all the nouns.

Each time Katie blinked, more small, green men dancing with glee, appeared before her surprised, blue eyes.

Now find one example of...

a preposition	a modified verb



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## Recognising Noun Phrases

9b. Circle all the nouns.

As usual, the tall, slim man in the front row was waiting in his comfy, red seat, almost fifteen minutes early.

Now find one example of...

a prepositional phrase	a modified verb



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10a. Underline the expanded noun phrases.

She hadn't meant to lose it, but Jane's thick, red fleece that was too hot to wear inside, was still in the quiet, deserted cloakroom.



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10b. Underline the expanded noun phrases.

Lying in his cold, dark tomb deep within the pyramid, the mummy began to stir as the moon rose above the bustling, noisy city.



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11a. Look at the noun phrase below.

loud and clear, her Dad's voice gruff with anger

Rewrite the sentence below including the noun phrase above.

Standing on top of the highest, thick branch, Martha could hear it.



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11b. Look at the noun phrase below.

a single, glistening tear resting on his cheek

Rewrite the sentence below including the noun phrase above.

The manager was so emotional following the tense, exciting game; everyone heard his voice crack.



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12a. True or false? This sentence contains two adjectives and one verb.

The warm, inviting water, reflecting the mountains above, drew all life towards it, enticing them for a cool, refreshing drink.



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12b. True or false? This sentence contains five adjectives and four nouns.

There are many kind, energetic teenagers volunteering to spend their time with lonely, elderly people in the local care home.



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Developing

- 1a. Nouns: flower  
Adjectives: stunning, red  
2a. her younger, crazy little sister  
3a. Various answers, for example: A big, green coat was the first thing that caught her eye.  
4a. True

Expected

- 5a. Nouns: climbers, mountain  
Adjectives: tired, brave, determined  
Verbs: were, continued, climb  
6a. any large, brown packets on the top shelf  
7a. Various answers, for example: Evie Mae proudly wore her homemade dress with a red, sparkly unicorn on the front.  
8a. False. There are four nouns – Diana, parrot, branch and Brazil.

Greater Depth

- 9a. Nouns: time, Katie, men, glee, eyes  
Preposition: before  
Modified verb: dancing, appeared  
10a. Jane's thick, red fleece; in the quiet, deserted cloakroom  
11a. Various answers, for example: Standing on top of the highest, thick branch, Martha could hear her Dad's voice gruff with anger, loud and clear.  
12a. False. There are four adjectives – warm, inviting, cool and refreshing. There are three verbs – reflecting, drew and enticing.

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Developing

- 1b. Nouns: coat, jacket  
Adjectives: puffy, yellow  
2b. a shiny, new bike  
3b. Various answers, for example: The bird caught a long, wiggly worm in its mouth.  
4b. True

Expected

- 5b. Nouns: sports car, shopping centre, pounds  
Preposition: on, in, over  
Adjectives: flashy, rare  
6b. the long, thick hair on top of his head  
7b. Various answers, for example: The hotel staff were asked to tidy each room and put some clean, crisp sheets on each bed.  
8b. True

Greater Depth

- 9b. Nouns: man, row, seat, minutes  
Prepositional phrase: in the front row  
Modified verb: waiting  
10b. in his cold, dark tomb deep within the pyramid; the bustling, noisy city  
11b. Various answers, for example: The manager was so emotional following the tense, exciting game; everyone heard his voice crack and saw a single, glistening tear resting on his cheek.  
12b. True.