

# Expanded noun phrases



#### How to expand Noun Phrases

Add words before the <u>head noun</u>:

Those <u>beans</u> will be planted.

*Those colourful magical <u>beans</u> will be planted. Several of those colourful magical <u>beans</u> will be planted.* 

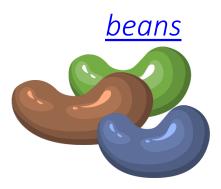
Add words after the noun:

<u>Beans</u> with brown spots will be planted.

Beans with brown spots and a curious glint will be planted.

Or you can do both at once:

Those colourful <u>beans</u> with brown spots will be planted.





## How to build **Expanded Noun Phrases**

Different types of words, phrases and clauses can all be used in an expanded noun phrase.

> determiner adjectives that terribly creepy abandoned <u>castle</u>



the <u>castle</u> with tall turrets covered in red like the tips of daggers

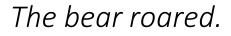
**Prepositional phrase** 

The <u>castle</u>, which was hidden at the top of the beanstalk, loomed.

**Relative clause** 



## **Changing Perceptions**

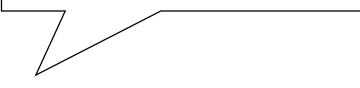


The giant, angry bear with teeth like razors roared.

The badly injured bear with terrified eyes roared.

The merry bear, who was playing with his cubs, roared.

You can add detail which changes perception using expanded noun phrases.



These expanded noun phrases create very different images.





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