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Expanded noun phrases

Noun phrases expanded by the addition of modifying adjectives, nouns and preposition phrases.

Add some adjectives and nouns to make these noun phrases more interesting. Some examples are given to start you off if you wish to use them.

(spotted) (old) (miserable) (grinning) (huge) (mirrored)

The _____ aliens were at the _____ spaceship door.

(blue) (brave) (wild) (slime) (hair) (spikes)

They had _____ bodies, covered in _____,

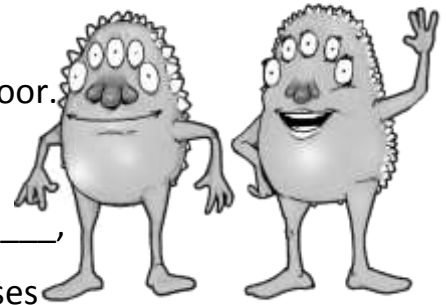
_____ eyes, _____ tongues and _____ noses

(adj)

(noun)

that looked like _____. Their _____ arms ended in

_____ hands.



Add the correct prepositions to these sentences.

Phil Fogg made clever machines _____ everyday objects.

He started doing this _____ his third birthday.

He used a cornflake packet and bath plugs _____ build a skateboard.

Challenge: Highlight the nouns, adjectives and prepositions that are underlined in this passage:

Key nouns = orange, adjectives = green, prepositions/prepositional phrases = blue

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The girl I'm talking about was a bright, vivacious girl called Nefer-Bet'her, but all her friends called her Beth. She had a brother called Nefer-Saydie. His friends nicknamed him Scarab. They meant to call him Scared because he was a major scaredy-cat, but they couldn't spell Scared, so since then, Scarab it was.

Beth and Scarab lived near a town called Memphis. This Memphis was in Ancient Egypt, beside the river Nile, and the kings they had were pharaohs. And the pharaohs, after they died, were buried inside pyramids: great, sky-scraping piles of rock that today we think of as Wonders of the World but back then were just giant towers that got in the way of traffic. Anyway, this vivacious girl called Beth worked for her dad, who was an undertaker.



Year 4 Answers

In some questions, alternative answers may be acceptable. The likeliest answers are given below. If questions have more than one answer, teachers should use their own judgement when marking.

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Alternative adjectives are also correct if the sentences make sense.

The grinning aliens were at the huge spaceship door.

They had blue bodies, covered in yellow spikes, five eyes, three tongues and green noses that looked like mini cucumbers. Their thin arms ended in paw-like hands.

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