

Noun phrases and expanded noun phrases

A noun is a person, place or thing.

When we add some other words, which give us more information about that noun, we call it a **noun phrase**.

e.g. *her phone, this kitchen, the car*

We can also add some adjectives to our noun phrases. These are called **expanded noun phrases**.

e.g. *her new phone, this hot and humid kitchen, the red car.*

Commas

When writing a list of nouns, instead of writing and between each one, we exchange them for a comma, except for the last noun.

e.g. *You need to bring on the trip a pack lunch, waterproof coat and a pair of wellies.*

You can also separate a list of actions using commas.

e.g. *I woke up early, brushed my teeth and ate my breakfast.*

In expanded noun phrases, commas should also be used to separate adjectives.

e.g. *The colourful, plastic pegs were on the long, wet washing line.*

Grammar

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Apostrophes

Apostrophes can be used for two reasons.

Contraction

Where two words are shortened by being put together and an apostrophe is used to represent the missing letters.

e.g.

I am = I'm

she will = she'll

he is = he's

Possession

Apostrophes can also be used to show that something belongs to someone or something.

e.g.

The girl's dog.

The cat's bowl.

The boy's football.



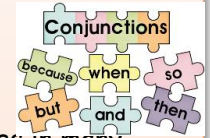
Plural nouns do NOT need an apostrophe.

e.g. The **boys** were playing football.

Expanding sentences

For a sentence to be complete it needs a noun and a verb.

e.g. *The girl jumped.*



We can expand simple sentences in many ways.

Expanded noun phrases

We can add adjectives and other words to expand the sentence

e.g. *The tall girl with long brown hair jumped over the small wooden fence.*

Coordinating conjunctions- and, if so or but.

We can join two separate complete sentences together by using a coordinating conjunction, such as

e.g. *The tall girl with long brown hair jumper over the small wooden fence and then she ran across the street.*

Subordinating conjunction- because, if, that, when

To add more information to a sentence you can use a subordinate conjunction to add a clause, which needs to main sentence, for it to make sense.

e.g. *The tall girl with long brown hair jumped over the small wooden fence because she was being chased by a barking dog.*