

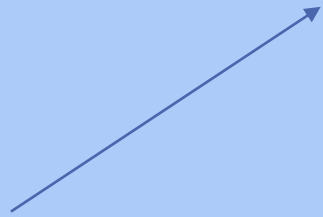
Expanded Noun phrases

## A Noun Phrase

A noun phrase is a group of words which describes a person, animal, place or object (a noun), it is joined by a verb (a doing word).

Example: The **whale** is **swimming**.

Noun



Verb



Can you spot the noun and the verb in these noun phrases? Write them on your whiteboard.

The snail is sliding.

The volcano is erupting.

The iceberg is melting.

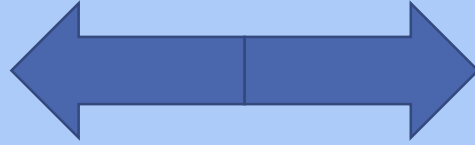
# Expanded noun phrase

An expanded noun phrase makes noun phrases more interesting to read and write!

We can add adjectives (**describing words**) to describe the noun. This helps the reader to imagine exactly what the author is writing about.

Let's expand a noun phrase!

The whale is swimming.

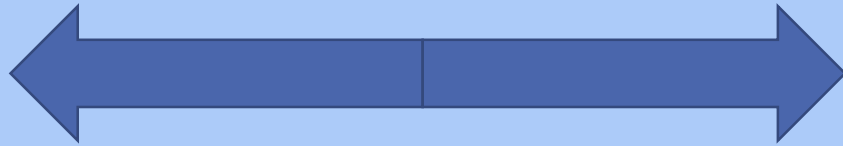


What adjectives can we think of to describe this whale?



Now we have our adjectives, we can add them to our noun phrase to create an expanded noun phrase.

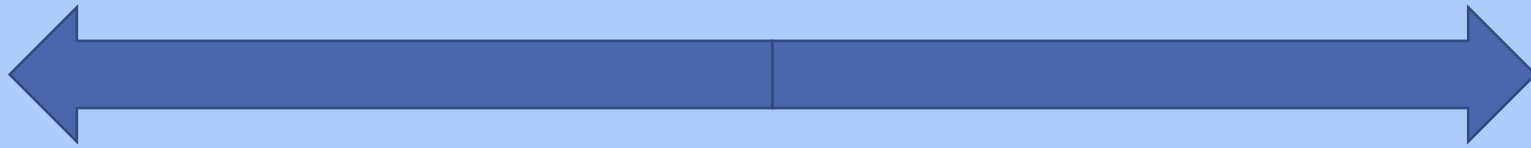
The magnificent whale is swimming.



We can add more adjectives to our expanded noun phrase to make it even more interesting! Can you think of some?

To make our noun phrase even more interesting we can add some extra detail about the verb (doing word).

The magnificent, giant whale is swimming **in the sparkling, blue ocean.**



We've added more adjectives to describe the verb. This helps us to imagine exactly what the author is writing about.

**Your turn!** On your whiteboard, choose one noun phrase to try and expand.