

Expanded Noun Phrases

Parent note: An **expanded noun phrase** gives more detail or information about the noun in a simple noun phrase. This is usually done by adding adjectives to describe the noun, for example,

‘She walked through the **dark, mysterious** forest.’

Alternatively, it is done by adding a prepositional phrase to add information about the noun, such as,

‘The man **with the wooden walking stick** hobbled slowly across the road.’

This is a picture of a parade from ‘el Día de los Muertos’ (the Day of the Dead). Antonio has been writing some sentences about the picture. Can you improve his sentences by expanding the bold noun phrase in each sentence and adding an adjective or prepositional phrase? The first one has been done for you.



1. **The ladies** walked through the streets.
The ladies with the skulls on their faces walked through the streets.
2. The ladies walked through **the streets**.

3. At the front of the parade, a skeleton waved **his hand**.

4. **The skeleton** smiled at the crowd.

5. Around his neck hung **some flowers**.

6. Shivering in **her coat**, a lady stood on the pavement, watching the parade.

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7. Shivering in her coat, a lady stood on the pavement, watching **the parade**.

8. As he walked, the skeleton wore **a grin** on his face.

9. Around her waist, the lady wore **a belt**.

10. The lady wore **a flower** in her hair.

Now write some of your own sentences about the picture and include expanded noun phrases.

1.

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