

Expanded Noun Phrases for Concision

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Instructions

Answer every question. Write your answer on the line. 10 questions in total.

Practice

1. Which expanded noun phrase is more precise: 'a nice house' or 'a crumbling Victorian house'?

2. Choose the more precise adjective for a detective description: 'a suspicious man' or 'a shifty-eyed man'?

3. Rewrite this expanded noun phrase so the modifier comes before the noun: 'a house that was abandoned'

4. Rewrite this expanded noun phrase so the modifier comes before the noun: 'a dog that was covered in mud'

5. Combine into one concise expanded noun phrase: 'The wolf was grey. The wolf was hungry. The wolf howled.' -> '____ howled.'

6. Combine into one concise expanded noun phrase: 'The castle was ancient. The castle stood on the hill. It was crumbling.' -> 'The ____ stood on the hill.'

7. Is 'the tall, dark, mysterious, ancient, forgotten tower' an example of an effective expanded noun phrase, or an overloaded one that should be trimmed?

8. Add a single describing word before the noun to suggest great force: 'the ____ storm rattled the windows.'

9. Which expanded noun phrase is more precise: 'a big animal' or 'a towering, grey elephant'?

10. Choose the more precise description of an old book: 'an old book' or 'a dog-eared, yellowing book'?
