

## Using Modifying Adjectives and Preposition Phrases - to create expanded noun phrases

An expanded noun phrase provides extra information about the noun. You can use adjectives and preposition phrases to modify the description given by the noun and provide clarity in your writing.

### noun phrase

your sister  
the town  
the castle  
a man  
my bag  
some cats  
a bunch of flowers  
my cousin  
the bird  
our car  
the meal  
the tree  
an insect  
the present

### adjectives

**colour** – red, green, turquoise, silver, gold, blue, purple, white, black  
**size** – gigantic, miniscule, huge, miniature, tiny, vast, colossal, massive, enormous  
**condition** – pristine, shabby, neat, tidy, dirty, tatted, dilapidated, spotless  
**age** – ancient, young, ten-year-old, newborn, prehistoric, old, new  
**personality** – kind, obnoxious, shy, generous, grumpy, mischievous, cunning, helpful, friendly  
**texture** – wrinkly, silky, smooth, shiny, crumpled, prickly, bumpy, crunchy, soft, hard  
**feeling** – despondent, ecstatic, indecisive, heartbroken, exhausted, agitated, anxious, jovial  
**appearance** – muscular, cute, handsome, gruesome, thin, fat, tall, blue-eyed, colourful, hideous  
**shape** – circular, square, oval, rectangular, irregular  
**origin/ nationality** – British, Greek, Norse, Viking, Roman, Welsh, Spanish

### preposition phrase

beside the river  
near the town  
with the \_\_\_\_ hair  
in the water  
down the road  
during the night  
through the winter  
this evening  
on the table  
between the houses  
underneath the waterfall  
before morning  
towards home  
from my grandparents  
because of the weather