



Expanded noun phrases



How to expand **Noun Phrases**

Add words before the head noun:

Those beans will be planted.

Those colourful magical beans will be planted.

Several of those colourful magical beans will be planted.

Add words after the noun:

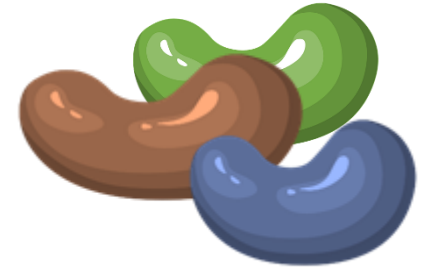
Beans with brown spots will be planted.

Beans with brown spots and a curious glint will be planted.

Or you can do both at once:

Those colourful beans with brown spots will be planted.

beans



How to build **Expanded Noun Phrases**

Different types of words, phrases and clauses can all be used in an expanded noun phrase.

determiner adverb adjectives

that terribly creepy abandoned castle



castle

the castle with tall turrets covered in red like the tips of daggers

Prepositional phrase



The castle, which was hidden at the top of the beanstalk, loomed.

Relative clause

Changing Perceptions



The bear roared.

The giant, angry bear with teeth like razors roared.

The badly injured bear with terrified eyes roared.

The merry bear, who was playing with his cubs, roared.

You can add detail which **changes perception** using **expanded noun phrases**.

These **expanded noun phrases** create very **different images**.



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