

Expanded Noun Phrases

Part A

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1. Can you write expanded noun phrases to describe the things in these pictures?

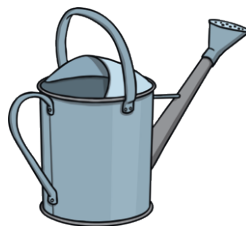
Adjectives

slow	old	pink	graceful	small	attractive
wiggly	pretty	brown	tiny	big	metal
friendly	cheerful	colourful	beautiful	delicious	soft
floppy	striking	delightful	tired	happy	heavy
tall	delicate				

Example



a.



b.

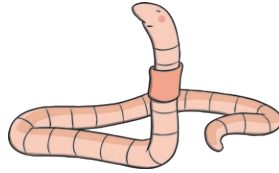


the shiny, pink radishes

c.



d.



e.



f.



g.



h.



2. Draw something you might see in a garden like Mr. McGregor's. Write an expanded noun phrase for it.

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Part B

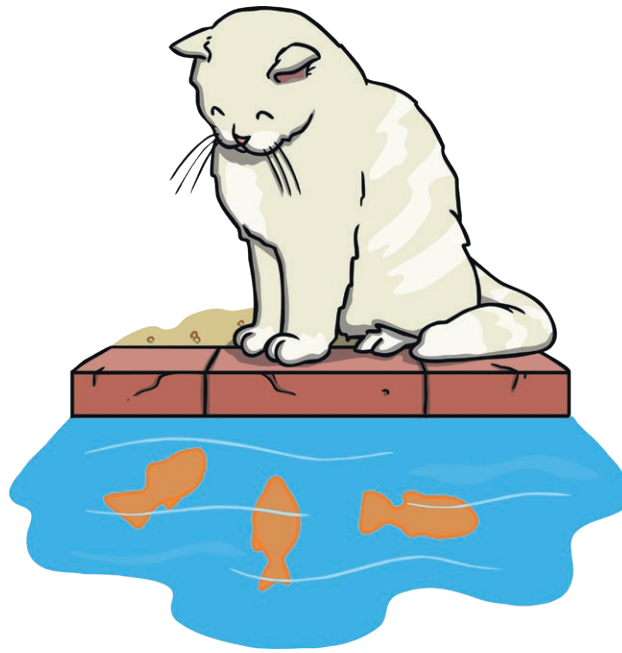
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Here is a scene from the story. Can you add in some expanded noun phrases to improve the description?



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It was such a peaceful setting. Her _____ tail
twitched behind her. Her _____ eyes were staring into the
water at the _____ fish. Her _____ nose sniffed
every now and then. Her _____ fur shook slightly in the light

breeze. Peter decided that he was not going to talk to her. He looked down at the _____ ground and decided that he needed to keep going.

★ Challenge Task ★

Choose a different image from the story and write your own description, including lots of expanded noun phrases in your sentences.

Expanded Noun Phrases **Answers**

Part A

1. Example answers:

- a. *a heavy, metal can*
- b. *some beautiful, colourful flowers*
- c. *a tiny, graceful bird*
- d. *a pink, wriggly worm*
- e. *a delicious, soft lettuce*
- f. *an attractive, bright butterfly*
- g. *a friendly, scruffy scarecrow*
- h. *a tired, slow snail*

2. Example answer:



a strong, large bucket

Part B

Example Answer:

The *graceful, white* cat sat by the side of the *still, blue* pond. It was such a peaceful setting. Her *long, fierce* tail twitched behind her. Her *bright, dazzling* eyes were staring into the water at the *darting, shimmery* fish. Her *soft, pointy* nose sniffed every now and then. Her *delicate, soft* fur shook slightly in the light breeze. Peter decided that he was not going to talk to her. He looked down at the *sandy, hard* ground and decided that he needed to keep going.

Challenge Task

Multiple possible answers.