

ENGLISH · Y1–Y4

Word Types & Phrases

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Key word types

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Common noun

A general name for a person, place, or thing.

Example: girl, town, table

2

Proper noun

A specific name — always starts with a capital letter.

Example: Maya, London, Monday

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Abstract noun

A feeling, idea, or state you can't touch.

Example: happiness, freedom, courage

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Plural noun

More than one — usually add -s or -es.

Example: cats, boxes, children

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Adjective

A describing word — what is it like?

Example: huge, purple, shiny, ancient

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Verb

A doing or being word.

Example: run, is, whispered, enjoyed



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Adverb

Adds detail to a verb — how, when, or where.

Example: slowly, yesterday, upstairs

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Conjunction

Joins ideas together.

Example: and, but, because, although, so, when

Expanded noun phrases

How to make descriptions ri

- A noun phrase is a noun plus words that describe it.
- SIMPLE: the dog
- EXPANDED: the enormous brown dog with muddy paws
- FORMULA: determiner + adjective(s) + noun + prepositional phrase
- TIP: you can expand any noun this way.
- TIP: don't use too many adjectives at once — 2 is usually enough.
- PRACTISE: expand these → the house / the storm / a girl

