

Application and Reasoning

Step 5: Concise Noun Phrases

National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 5: Devices to build cohesion within a paragraph [for example, then, after that, this, firstly]

English Year 5: Link ideas across paragraphs using adverbials of time [for example, later], place [for example, nearby] and number [for example, secondly] or tense choices [for example, he had seen her before]

English Year 5: (5G3.2) [Using expanded noun phrases to convey complicated information concisely](#)

Terminology for pupils:

- (5G1.5) [cohesion](#)

Differentiation:

Questions 1, 4 and 7 (Application)

Developing Change an expanded noun phrase so it gives the same or different information, yet remains concise. Only one expanded noun phrase.

Expected Change the expanded noun phrases so they give the same or different information, yet remain concise. Multiple expanded noun phrases.

Greater Depth Change the expanded noun phrases so they give the same or different information, yet remain concise. Multiple expanded noun phrases per sentence, including expansions by metaphor.

Questions 2, 5 and 8 (Reasoning)

Developing Explain which version of an expanded noun phrase is the most appropriate and concise.

Expected Explain which version of two expanded noun phrases within a sentence is the most appropriate and concise.

Greater Depth Explain which version of two expanded noun phrases within a sentence is the most appropriate and concise. Multiple expanded noun phrases per sentence, including expansions by metaphor.

Questions 3, 6 and 9 (Application)

Developing Rewrite two sentences so that they form one concise sentence. Only one expanded noun phrase per sentence.

Expected Rewrite two or more sentences so that they form one concise sentence. Multiple expanded noun phrases per sentence.

Greater Depth Rewrite two or more sentences so that they form one concise sentence. Multiple expanded noun phrases per sentence, including expansions by metaphor.

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Concise Noun Phrases

Dexter scuffed his feet through the blossom and turned up the driveway. He tugged at his collar and wondered why he had let his dad persuade him to wear a smart shirt. He did not feel like himself, and Aliyah would know something was different the minute she opened the door!

In September, Aliyah had just been a face in the classroom. Then she had become part of Dexter's friendship group. Now, she was one of his closest friends. Everything was fine until that time at the park when he had glanced at her and his stomach fluttered. No matter what he had done to squash it, it had only grown.

He stared uncertainly at the doorbell. He was feeling sick. He could walk away, but that would not solve the problem. He knew he could not stand the nagging 'what if?' any longer. He had to find out how she felt. He rang the bell.

1a. Change the expanded noun phrase below. Your new expansion must provide similar information to the original, and be concise.

a smart shirt



A

2a. Which example below would be the most concise way to add detail to the noun phrase? Explain your answer.

A. his shirt collar

B. his tight collar



R

3a. Rewrite the underlined sentences so they form one concise sentence.



A

Concise Noun Phrases

Two jets blazed out from the plane. The roar of the engines hit the spectators. Kuldeep clamped her hands over her ears as tightly as she could. The sound was louder than anything she had ever heard. She was sure she could *feel* the sound hitting her chest.

Kuldeep and her father had spent the morning walking up and down the lines of planes on one of the runways. There were huge transport planes, fighter planes, jets and stunt planes. Their crews were happy to talk to Kuldeep. They were keen to give her answers to her questions. She had a lot of questions to ask!

As the first jet disappeared over the horizon, two planes from France took off. They climbed into the sky. Then something appeared to go wrong. Both planes began to tumble back down to earth! The crowd gasped. The planes fell lower... Wow! At the last second they came back under control and sped off towards the clouds. Kuldeep clapped so hard that she hurt her hands.

1b. Change the expanded noun phrase below. Your new expansion must provide different information to the original, and be concise.

huge transport planes



A

2b. Which example below would be the most concise way to add detail to the noun phrase? Explain your answer.

A. her own hands

B. her small hands



R

3b. Rewrite the underlined sentences so they form one concise sentence.



A

Concise Noun Phrases

Dexter scuffed his feet through the blossom as he turned up the driveway. He tugged at the restrictive collar again and wondered why on earth he had let his dad persuade him to wear a smart shirt. He did not feel like himself, and Aliyah was bound to know something was different the minute she opened the door!

In September, Aliyah had just been a face in the classroom. Then she had become part of Dexter's friendship group and over time, one of his closest friends. Everything was fine until that time at the park when he had glanced at her and an unexpected flutter had found its way into his stomach. No matter what he had done to squash it, it had only grown.

He stared uncertainly at the doorbell. It was waiting for him. He was feeling sick. He could walk away, but that would not solve the problem. He knew he could not stand the nagging 'what if?' any longer. He had to find out how she felt. He rang the bell.

4a. Change the expanded noun phrases below. Your new expansions must provide similar information to the originals, and be concise.

the restrictive collar

a smart shirt



A

5a. Which example below would be the most concise way to add detail to the opening sentence? Explain your answer.

A. Dexter scuffed his feet through the pink blossom on the drive as he turned up the driveway in front of Aliyah's house.

B. Dexter scuffed his feet through the blossom as he turned up the driveway of Aliyah's house.



R

6a. Rewrite the underlined sentences so they form one concise sentence.



A

Concise Noun Phrases

Two jets blazed out from the rear of the plane. The roar of its engines hit the spectators. Kuldeep clamped her hands over her ears as tightly as she could, but the sound was still louder than anything she had ever heard. She was sure she could *feel* the sound waves hitting her chest.

Kuldeep and her father had spent the morning walking up and down the lines of planes which covered one of the runways. There were huge transport planes, nimble fighter planes, speedy jets and compact stunt planes. Their crews were happy to talk to Kuldeep. They were keen to give her answers to her questions. She had a lot of questions to ask!

As the first jet disappeared over the horizon, two planes from France took off. They climbed quickly into the sky, but then something appeared to go wrong. Both planes began to tumble back down to earth! The crowd gasped. The planes fell lower and lower... Wow! At the last second they came back under control and whizzed off towards the clouds. Kuldeep clapped so hard that she hurt her hands.

4b. Change the expanded noun phrases below. Your new expansions must provide different information to the originals, and be concise.

the first jet

two planes from France



A

5b. Which example below would be the most concise way to add detail to the opening sentence? Explain your answer.

A. Two blazing jets blazed out from the rear of the plane.

B. Two dazzling jets blazed out from the rear of the plane.



R

6b. Rewrite the underlined sentences so they form one concise sentence.



A

Concise Noun Phrases

Dexter scuffed his feet through the blossom as he turned up the driveway. He tugged at the restrictive collar again and wondered why on earth he had let his dad persuade him to wear a smart shirt. He did not feel like himself, and Aliyah was bound to know something was different the minute she opened the door!

In September, Aliyah had just been a face in the classroom. Then she had become part of Dexter's friendship group and over time, one of his closest friends. Everything was fine until that time at the park when he had glanced at her and an unexpected flutter had found its way into his stomach. No matter what he had done to squash it, it had only grown.

He stared uncertainly at the doorbell. It was waiting for him. He was feeling sick. He could walk away, but that would not solve the problem. He knew he could not stand the nagging 'what if?' any longer. He had to find out how she felt. He rang the bell.

7a. Change the expanded noun phrases in the second sentence of paragraph one. Your new expansions must provide different information to the originals, and be concise.



A

8a. Which example below would be the most concise way to add detail to the opening sentence? Explain your answer.

A. Dexter scuffed his dragging feet through the blossom as he turned up the driveway.

B. Dexter scuffed his nervous feet through the blossom as he turned up the driveway.



R

9a. Rewrite the underlined sentences so they form one concise sentence.

Your sentence must contain at least two adjectives.



A

Concise Noun Phrases

Two jets blazed out from the rear of the plane. The roar of its engines hit the spectators like a heavy wave. Kuldeep clamped her hands over her ears as tightly as she could, but the sound was still louder than anything she had ever heard. She was sure she could *feel* the sound waves hitting her chest.

Kuldeep and her father had spent the morning walking up and down the lines of planes which covered one of the runways. There were huge transport planes, nimble fighter planes, speedy jets and compact stunt planes. Their crews were happy to talk to Kuldeep. They were keen to give her answers to her questions. She had a lot of questions to ask!

As the first jet disappeared over the horizon, two planes from France took off. They climbed quickly into the sky, but then something appeared to go wrong. Both planes began to tumble back down to earth! The crowd gasped. The planes fell lower and lower... Wow! At the last second they came back under control and whizzed off towards the clouds. Kuldeep clapped so hard that her hands ached.

7b. Change the expanded noun phrases in the second sentence of paragraph two. Your new expansions must provide similar information to the originals, and be concise.



A

8b. Which example below would be the most concise way to add detail to the opening sentence? Explain your answer.

A. Two thundering jets blazed out from the rear of the black plane.

B. Two fast-flowing, fiery jets blazed out from the rear of the ready and waiting plane.



R

9b. Rewrite the underlined sentences so they form one concise sentence.

Your sentence must contain at least two adjectives.



A

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Developing

- 1a. Various answers, for example: a formal shirt
- 2a. B because it tells us something new.
- 3a. Various answers, for example: Feeling sick, he stared uncertainly at the doorbell.

Expected

- 4a. Various answers, for example: the ill-fitting collar, a formal shirt
- 5a. B because sentence A repeats the location.
- 6a. Various answers, for example: Feeling sick, he stared uncertainly at the waiting doorbell.

Greater Depth

- 7a. Various answers, for example: He tugged at the tall collar again and wondered why on earth he had let his dad persuade him to wear a pink shirt.
- 8a. B because it explains how Dexter is feeling while A only further describes a movement we already understand.
- 9a. Various answers, for example: Feeling sick and slightly unsteady, he stared uncertainly at the ominous doorbell.

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Developing

- 1b. Various answers, for example: grey transport planes
- 2b. B because it tells us something new.
- 3b. Various answers, for example: They were keen to give her answers to her many questions.

Expected

- 4b. Various answers, for example: the deafening jet, two planes at the end of the runway.
- 5b. B because it doesn't repeat information already given elsewhere.
- 6b. Various answers, for example: Their crews were happy to answer Kuldeep's many questions.

Greater Depth

- 7b. Various answers, for example: There were giant transport planes, agile fighter planes, fast jets and tiny stunt planes.
- 8b. A because it does not repeat information already given elsewhere.
- 9b. Various answers, for example: Their excited, helpful crews were happy to answer Kuldeep's many questions.