

To use expanded noun phrases to add description

Powerful descriptive writing contains 'expanded noun phrases' - these are phrases that develop a single noun into a whole descriptive phrase.

e.g. In the sentence, 'Watch out for the dog!' the noun 'dog' can be expanded to 'the flea-bitten dog that is baring its teeth and running towards us', which gives us a lot more information about the dog (and why we need to look out for it).

Some other examples are below

The clatter of hooves on the cobbles.

A giant of a man with snarling nostrils the size of boulders.

A towering horse that pawed the ground.

Wolfish eyes that froze the courage in a man's veins

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Try extending these nouns with information before and after it

The..... of raindrops on

A wolf with

A bear that

..... teeth that

Can you think of five expanded noun phrases that will help describe your threat in paragraph 4?