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I understand what a noun phrase is and why they're useful.   LessonID: 271

Noun phrases are words or groups of words that function as the subject or object in a sentence. They contain the noun and any words that make the noun more descriptive, such as adjectives. Underline the noun phrases below - the first has been done for you.
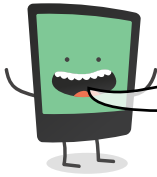
The cat sat on the mat.	The car passed the children.
The stray cat sat on the kitchen mat.	The speeding car passed the worried children.
The hungry tabby cat with the lame paw sat on the clean kitchen mat with the floral pattern.	The speeding convertible car with the music blaring out passed the worried young children.

Did you notice that extra words were added to the noun phrase each time in the examples above? How did this change the impact of the sentences? How did it change the picture you got?

By adding more words to the noun phrase, ...
....

Improve these sentences by expanding both noun phrases. The noun phrases have been underlined - try making them more descriptive. Underline your new noun phrases.

The children read the book.	Luckily, the rain fell on the plants.