

Grammar Notes and Exercises for Expanding Sentences

Expanding a sentence means adding one or more words to the main clause to provide extra detail. It could be a few words, a phrase, or multiple clauses.

Remember

A sentence is a word or group of words that makes a statement, asks a question, or gives an order.

A simple sentence has a subject and a verb.

The cat sat.

In this exercise you are going to add an adjective, adverb, and preposition in word and phrase.

Example: Expanded sentence: The fluffy cat sat lazily on the cozy mat.

Exercise:

1. The car drove down the road.
2. The girl read a book.
3. The sun shone brightly in the sky.
4. The man walked to the store.
5. The flowers bloomed in the garden.
6. The dog barked loudly at the mailman.
7. The baby slept peacefully in the crib.
8. The students completed their homework.
9. The rain fell on the roof.
10. The boy played with his toy.
11. The tree swayed in the wind.
12. The woman cooked dinner.
13. The bird sang a song.

14. The house stood on the hill.
15. The clock ticked on the wall.
16. The children played in the park.
17. The fire crackled in the fireplace.
18. The car drove on the highway
19. The water flowed in the river

Sample Answers:

1. The sleek red car smoothly drove down the winding road.
2. The young girl enthusiastically read an interesting book.
3. The hot sun shone brightly in the clear blue sky.
4. The tall man casually walked to the nearby store
5. The vibrant flowers beautifully bloomed in the well-tended garden.
6. The noisy dog angrily barked loudly at the unsuspecting mailman.
7. The adorable baby peacefully slept in the comfortable crib.
8. The diligent students completed their challenging homework quickly
9. The gentle rain softly fell on the old roof.
10. The happy boy excitedly played with his new toy.
11. The tall tree gracefully swayed in the strong wind.
12. The skilled woman expertly cooked a delicious dinner
13. The beautiful bird melodiously sang a sweet son
14. The old house stood proudly on the green hill.
15. The energetic children joyfully played in the sunny park.
16. The antique clock quietly ticked on the ornate wall.
17. The crystal-clear water calmly flowed in the meandering river.
18. The warm fire crackled loudly in the cozy fireplace.
19. The silver car smoothly drove on the busy highway.