

Noun Phrases

Expanded noun phrases add more detail to the noun and make description more vivid for the reader.

The noun is call the **head** of the noun phrase because the phrase built around the noun.

Words can be added before the head **premodifier** (pre = before, and modify = change) and/or after the head **postmodifier** (post = after, and modify = change).

premodifier			head	postmodifier
			cakes	
	some		cakes	in the oven
all	his		cakes	on the tray
all	my	chocolate	cakes	in the shopping bag
none of	our	hot	cakes	in the bakery
all	your	large	cakes	by the fridge
all	the	fresh	cakes	with cream

From this table, many noun phrases can be created:

All our large, chocolate cakes in the bakery are freshly baked every day.

The noun phrase is underlined and then followed by verb, adverb, verb, adverb, noun, to create a sentence.

Your Task

Using the grid above, create five sentences (each containing an expanded noun phrase with a pre and post modifier) built around the head word – cakes.