

ENGLISH

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LI: To add detail to expanded noun phrases

The Cyclops

In this lesson, we will create a bank of expanded noun phrases to describe the Cyclops from the text. We will add detail by choosing appropriate verbs and adverbs to add to our expanded noun phrases. You will need a piece of paper and a pencil.

We sailed on. On the next island, we discovered a gigantic cave near the beach. Someone obviously lived there, so I said: "Men, let's wait here to see whose cave it is. Maybe he can give us supplies, or at least directions?"

As it turned out, that was a terrible idea. The cave was the home of a Cyclops, a one-eyed giant, and his single eye wasn't in the least pleased to see us.

As he arrived home with a herd of giant sheep, he roared at us. "Who are you?"



He rolled a huge stone over the entrance to trap us inside. "I am Polyphemus and this is my house! Why are you here?"

I spoke up. "We're weary soldiers on our way back from a war," I said. "And, as I'm sure you know, the great god Zeus looks kindly on those who are kind to strangers." I winked at him. "So it's probably a good idea to give us food and water..."



What can you find out about the Cyclops from the text?



The Cyclops burst out laughing, spraying a shower of foul-smelling spit over us all. "Zeus? Hahahahaha! I'm not afraid of him – he's my uncle!"

With that, he plucked up two of my men in his meaty hands – and *ate* them, raw. After a swig of sheep's milk, the monster grabbed another two. Some of my men cried, "Kill him. Kill him now!"

But, looking at the huge stone blocking the door, I knew I couldn't. "We'll be trapped if he dies," I whispered to Eurylochus, my right-hand man. "But I have another idea..."

Choose **two** appropriate adjectives to create your expanded noun phrase

tiny

bright

eye



black

silly

Choose **two** appropriate adjectives to create your expanded noun phrase

greasy

large

fingers



pointy



nice

Choose **two** appropriate adjectives to create your expanded noun phrase

foul

disgusting

spit



horrible

pleasant

Choose **two** appropriate adjectives to create your expanded noun phrase

booming

loud

voice



croaky

hard

Add your verbs and adverbs...

★ Write the expanded noun phrase that you chose:



his tiny, black eye **that** +

glinted

shone

glared

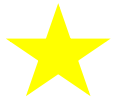
angrily

brightly

dimly



Write the expanded noun phrase that you chose:



his large, greasy fingers **that** +

+

twitched

noisily

tapped

slowly

drummed

nervously

Write the expanded noun phrase that you chose:



his foul, disgusting spit **that** +

sprayed

dribbled

jumped

everywhere

slowly

over us all

Write the expanded noun phrase that you chose:



his loud, booming voice **that** +

echoed

travelled

roared

noisily

all around

angrily



Choose other verbs and adverbs for the four sentences from earlier



Add details to your own expanded noun phrases that describe other aspects of the Cyclops (for example his height, his strength, his face, his teeth, his hair, his body etc)