Learning Objective

We are learning how to write sentences about langur monkeys that contain effective expanded noun phrases.

Challenge 1

Highlight the expanded noun phrases in the paragraph below.

Omji led the crew to the blue-washed rooftops with Crooked TV aerials. Here, they waited patiently. After a long wait, a troop of langurs, with snake-like tails, appeared. Omji gave each of the monkeys a piece of mouth-watering fruit. Later, the team were able to capture an exhilarating chase scene. The chase ended when a large alpha male langur successfully evicted a group of marauding younger males from his prized territory.

Challenge 2

Make these sentences more descriptive by putting adjectives before each noun.

1) The   _____ , _____ langur, which was baring its _____ teeth, vaulted across the _____ gap between the two _____ houses.
2) There were fifteen   _____ , _____ males in the _____ group.
3) The _____ langurs used their _____ tails to help themselves balance as they raced across the _____ ledges.
4) Some _____ residents consider langurs to be a nuisance as they will often steal _____ food from their _____ homes.
5) The _____ holy man, who had a _____ bond with the _____ monkeys, led the _____ crew to a great position, from where they could film the _____ chase.

Challenge 3

In the past, langurs were used in India's capital city, New Delhi, to scare off the city's smaller, red-faced rhesus monkeys. These monkeys, considered to be a nuisance by many, regularly steal food and valuable items from Delhi's residents. They even break into sport stadiums and government buildings!

Imagine that you have just witnessed a theft by a rhesus monkey. Shortly afterwards, a large langur is released by its handler to scare off the thief. This is when you witness an incredible rooftop chase. Write a descriptive eyewitness account of both the theft and the chase. It should include lots of effective expanded noun phrases and appeal to the reader's senses of both sight and hearing. See if you can expand your noun phrases with a mixture of adjectives, prepositional phrases and relative clauses.