MHS ENGLISH DEPT NOUN PHRASES S3 ENGLISH HOMEWORK

**COPY** **the following into your jotter.**

**Phrases** are groups of words that work together to add information to a sentence. They do a specific job. They can act as nouns, verbs, adjectives or prepositions.

A **noun phrase** is built on a noun, which is a person, place or thing. It is a word or group of words in a sentence that acts like a noun. The entire phrase provides specific information about the subject of the sentence. Some examples of these are:

the red-haired woman

his favourite hat

the band’s music

**TASK 1: Copy the following sentences and circle the noun in each one.**

1. All the younger children were sleeping.
2. The boy dressed all in blue clapped his hands.
3. He bought her a beautiful red dress.
4. We baked tasty chocolate cookies.
5. You are a true hero.
6. I will not talk to these rude people.
7. He was wearing his blue woollen balaclava.
8. She wore a new pink diamond ring.
9. She walked along the long dark corridor.
10. It was a lovely sunny day. **(10)**

**TASK 2: Now, underline the other words which make up the noun phrase in each sentence.** **(10)**

**TASK 3: Read the following extract from ‘Ratburger’. Copy and complete the table by writing the other words which make up the noun phrase for the noun in column one.**

Zoe had it all planned out. With the **money** the animals earned, she and her father could both escape the crumbling **tower block** and the run-down **shops** for ever. Zoe could buy Dad a much bigger **flat**, and she could retire to a huge country **house** and set up a **sanctuary** for unwanted pets. The animals could run around in the grounds all day, and sleep together in a giant **bed** at night. ‘No animal too big or too small. They will all be loved’ was to be written over the entrance **gates**.

Then on that fateful **day**, Zoe came home from school to find that Ginger was dead. And with him, Zoe’s dreams of animal-training **stardom** died too.

So reader, after that little journey back in time, we’re back at the start, and ready to get on with the story**. (10)**

Extract from ‘Ratburger’ by David Walliams

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| Noun | Rest of words in noun phrase |
| money |  |
| tower block |  |
| shops |  |
| flat |  |
| house |  |
| sanctuary |  |
| bed |  |
| gates |  |
| day |  |
| stardom |  |