

**Learning Objective**

We are learning how to write sentences about Portuguese man o’ wars that contain effective expanded noun phrases.

**Challenge 1**

**Highlight the expanded noun phrases in the paragraph below.**

The remarkable Portuguese man o’ war lives on the surface of the ocean. Its gas-filled bladder keeps it afloat. It has a striking pink-tipped crest on top, which acts like a sail and helps it move. They are fearsome predators, which catch fish and small crustaceans with their long stinging tentacles. Because they are unable to swim, these alien-like creatures are often discovered washed up on sandy and rocky beaches around the world. If you discover one, don’t attempt to touch it as the tentacles can deliver a painful sting long after the creature has died.

**Challenge 2**

**Construct expanded noun phrases by placing one or two carefully chosen adjectives before each noun in the sentences below.**

1. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ man o’ war was caught up in a mat of\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ seaweed.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_­­\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ man o’ war was nicknamed The Floating Terror.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ lifeguard treated the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ girl who had been stung by the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ man o’ war.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ diver, whose \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ camera was ready to roll, filmed the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ man o’ war as it reeled in a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ fish with its \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ tentacles.
5. The\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ man o’ war used \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ chemicals to liquefy the inside of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ fish.

**Challenge 3**

**Read the Portuguese man o’ war poem by Paul Misko. Rewrite the poem using a range of adjectives, prepositional phrases and relative clauses to expand the existing noun phrases.**

Goodbye, poor little man-o-war,

I see you’ve washed up on the shore.

You look like blue and purple jelly,

and I can see into your belly.

At one time you were proudly sailing,

but soon your organs will be failing.

Though you lay crumpled on the beach,

Unwary souls you still may reach.

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