Sometimes a noun is more than just one word….. It is a whole phrase. See the examples below:

-The box…….. (was full)

-The big box…….. (was full)

-The big green box…….. (was full)

-The big green box of shoes…….. (was full)

-The big green box of shoes that I found yesterday…….. (was full)

-The big green box of shoes that I found yesterday in the closet ……..(was full)

-The big green box of shoes that I found yesterday in the closet and that was heavy……. (was full).

Nouns can get lengthy when we add adjectives (describing words) or when we add "that", "where", and "which" phrases to describe more about them. See if you can find the lengthy noun phrases in each sentence below.

1. Clara Barton was born in 1821 in Oxford, Massachusetts. She became a teacher, worked in the U.S. Patent Office and was an independent nurse during the Civil War. ***While visiting Europe, she worked with a relief organization known as the International Red Cross and lobbied for an American branch when she returned home***.

2. An 8-year-old living in a homeless shelter has won the New York State chess championship for his age bracket.
3. His family left northern Nigeria in 2017 fearing attacks on Christians, The New York Times reports.
4. He reached out to Tanitoluwa's family about joining the school's chess program, and learned they were unable to pay the costs associated with membership.
5. Scientists record and study the electrical activity of our brains, called brain waves, during sleep to try to solve the mystery of slumber.
6. He believes that the Children's Crusade, the 1963 children's march in Birmingham, Alabama, turned the tide of the civil rights movement.
7. In his book "It's Our World, Too!" Hoose also writes about the young activists' strong senses of right and wrong.
8. When stories with the words "teenager" and "challenge" are in the news, they often reveal some dangerous thing teens are daring each other to do
9. Fifty people have been charged with crimes in the largest college admissions scam ever.
10. In a separate letter published to coincide with International Women's Day, 45 activists from 15 African countries demanded more action to close the gender gap.