

Exploring the Hidden Library with Pip

Learning objective: To improve reading comprehension skills by identifying evidence, inferring character feelings, and explaining vocabulary in context.

Read the opening passage carefully. Use the prompt questions below to structure your analysis of the text. Remember to use evidence from the text to support your answers.

Pip the caterpillar adjusted his tiny spectacles and peered into the vast, dusty shelves of the Great Oak Library, where thousands of books hummed with the quiet magic of forgotten stories.

Word bank: furthermore · on the other hand · consequently · this suggests that · the author implies · in addition · however · as a result

1. Find and copy two adjectives from the passage that describe the library. What do these words tell us about the atmosphere of the room? (2 marks)

2. Why might Pip be wearing spectacles? Think about Pip's personality and what he loves to do. (2 marks)

3. The text says the books 'hummed with the quiet magic'. What does this suggest about how Pip feels when he is surrounded by books? (3 marks)

4. If Pip were to find a book worth £4.50 and a bookmark worth 80p, how much would he spend in total? Show your working out. (2 marks)

5. Predict what Pip might discover on the highest shelf of the library. Give a reason for your prediction using the word 'because'. (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph describing a new section of the library that Pip has never visited before. Use at least two expanded noun phrases to describe the setting.