

Adventures with Pip's Word Garden

Learning objective: To use expanded noun phrases and adventurous adjectives to improve descriptive writing.

Pip the bookworm caterpillar has collected some 'boring' words from his garden. Your task is to help him grow his writing by replacing the dull words in the sentences below with more exciting, descriptive alternatives from the word bank. You must also add an expanded noun phrase (adjective + noun) to each sentence to make the scene come alive.

Word bank: magnificent · shimmering · colossal · vibrant · fragrant · dazzling · ancient · delicate · whispering · emerald

1. 1. Pip looked at the big tree. (Rewrite using a descriptive adjective and an expanded noun phrase) (2 marks)

2. 2. The flower was pretty. (Rewrite using a descriptive adjective and an expanded noun phrase) (2 marks)

3. 3. The sun shone on the grass. (Rewrite using a descriptive adjective and an expanded noun phrase) (2 marks)

4. 4. The bug walked on the leaf. (Rewrite using a descriptive adjective and an expanded noun phrase) (2 marks)

5. 5. Explain why using 'shimmering' is more effective than using the word 'bright' when describing a butterfly's wing. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw your own 'Word Garden'. Include one of the objects you described in your sentences, making sure to add detail that matches the adjectives you chose (e.g., if you drew a 'colossal tree', make it look very tall and wide).



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph (3-4 sentences) describing a secret adventure Pip the caterpillar has in your garden. Try to use at least two adjectives from the word bank and one expanded noun phrase in every sentence.