

Reading Comprehension Assessment: The Forest Library

Learning objective: To demonstrate understanding of a narrative text, identifying key information and explaining character motivations.

Read the passage carefully and answer all questions in full sentences. Check your spelling and punctuation.

Deep within the Whispering Woods, Pip the caterpillar had spent all morning organising the Great Oak Library. The library was not a building made of bricks, but a hollow inside a giant, ancient tree where thousands of leaves were inscribed with stories. Pip loved collecting words, especially those that described the rustle of the wind or the golden shimmer of sunlight on moss. Suddenly, a shadow fell over the entrance. It was Nova the owl, clutching a map she had found near the North Stream. 'Pip,' hooted Nova softly, her eyes wide with excitement, 'this map shows a hidden path to the Star-Gazer's Meadow, but the directions are written in a riddle!' Pip adjusted his tiny spectacles and crawled onto the map. He knew that if he could translate the ancient symbols, he and Nova could uncover the secrets of the night sky together. With a deep breath and a flick of his antennae, Pip began to read, his heart racing with the thrill of a new discovery.

Word bank: curious · discovery · shelter · tranquil · knowledge · adventure

1. Where is the Great Oak Library located and what is it made of? (2 marks)

2. Why does Pip love collecting words? (2 marks)

3. Find and copy one adjective from the text that describes the library. (1 mark)

4. What item does Nova bring to the library and why is she excited about it? (3 marks)

5. How does Pip feel about the challenge of the riddle? Use evidence from the text to support your answer. (4 marks)

6. In your own words, explain why Pip and Nova make a good team for this adventure. (4 marks)

7. Imagine Pip and Nova arrive at the Star-Gazer's Meadow. Write a short paragraph (4-5 sentences) describing what they see when they reach their destination. Use at least two words from the word bank. (9 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Pip the caterpillar reading the map while Nova the owl looks on. Include details of the Whispering Woods in the background.



Extension challenge: Total: /25