

Pip's Word Adventure

Learning objective: To identify and use synonyms and antonyms to improve the quality of writing.

Read the story about Pip the caterpillar. Use the word bank to help you find better words to describe the scenes and answer the questions below.

Pip was a very small caterpillar who lived in a lush, green garden. One sunny morning, Pip decided to go on a grand adventure. He crawled slowly across a giant leaf that felt like a vast emerald ocean. As he travelled, he spotted a bright flower with petals of every colour. Suddenly, a large shadow fell over him. Pip felt very scared as a huge bird landed nearby. Luckily, the bird was just looking for a worm and flew away. By the time the sun began to set, Pip felt very tired, but he was proud of how far he had travelled.

Word bank: shimmering · enormous · terrified · exhausted · vibrant · tiny

1. Find and copy a word from the passage that means the same as 'very small'. (1 mark)

2. Pip felt 'very scared' when the bird landed. Which word from the word bank is a better synonym for 'very scared'? (1 mark)

3. The author describes the leaf as 'giant'. What is an antonym (opposite) for the word 'giant'? (1 mark)

4. Rewrite the sentence 'Pip felt very tired' using a more exciting word from the word bank to describe how he felt. (2 marks)

5. The passage mentions 'bright' flowers. Which word from the word bank could replace 'bright' to make the sentence sound more descriptive? (1 mark)

6. Explain why using words like 'enormous' or 'vibrant' is better than using words like 'big' or 'colourful' in a story. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Pip on his 'vast emerald ocean' leaf, using the most vibrant colours you can find!



Extension challenge: Can you think of three more synonyms for the word 'happy' to describe how Pip felt at the end of his journey?