

The Great Library Mystery: Pip's Word Detective Challenge

Learning objective: To develop deeper inference and deduction skills by evaluating evidence within a narrative context, demonstrating an understanding of character motivation and setting.

Read the provided clues about a mysterious event in the BookFlik Library. Use the 'Evidence Log' below to match the Clue to the correct Deduction. You must provide a justification for your choice using evidence from the context of how our characters interact with their environment.

Word bank: Inference · Deduction · Evidence · Motivation · Atmosphere · Chronology

1. Clue 1: Pip the caterpillar found a trail of sticky, golden dust leading away from the poetry shelf. Deduction: Bea the honeybee was searching for a specific book on flowers. Explain why this is a logical inference based on Bea's known interests. (2 marks)

2. Clue 2: A stack of star charts was found scattered near the library window, and Nova the owl was nowhere to be seen. Deduction: Nova was stargazing outside. Justify your answer: what evidence suggests Nova's current location? (2 marks)

3. Clue 3: Max the monkey left a notepad on the table with the calculation: £4.50 + £2.75 = £7.25. Compare and contrast why Max might be calculating money while in a library compared to why Ellie the elephant might be there. (2 marks)

4. What might happen if Kit the fox found these clues instead of Pip? Explain how Kit's problem-solving style would change the way the mystery is investigated. (2 marks)

5. Justify your answer: Why is it important for a reader to look for 'Evidence' rather than just guessing what happened in a story? (2 marks)

6. If Zara the zebra arrived to help, how would her love of patterns help her organise the clues left behind by the others? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a map of the BookFlik Library showing where each character is currently located, ensuring the items they left behind (the golden dust, the star charts, the notepad) are placed near them.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph from the perspective of an 'Investigative Reporter' explaining the scene in the library. Use at least three words from the word bank and describe how the library atmosphere has changed now that the items are scattered.