

World Book Day Celebration

Learning objective: Comprehension: To understand the context and purpose of World Book Day

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

It was World Book Day, and the excitement was palpable. Pip the bookworm caterpillar had spent all morning reading a variety of books to his friends. Nova the barn owl asked questions about the characters and their adventures, while Max the monkey was fascinated by the maths behind the story's plot. Meanwhile, Ellie the elephant remembered favourite stories from her childhood and shared them with the group. Finn the dolphin suggested they visit the local bookshop to see the displays of books, and Zara the zebra offered to create some special book-themed artwork. Bea the honeybee explained the science behind book publishing, and Kit the fox demonstrated how to code a story. Rosa the parrot even sang a song in French and Spanish to celebrate the worldwide love of books. Together, they all agreed that World Book Day was a time to appreciate the magic of reading and storytelling.

Word bank: bookworm · author · illustrator · bookshop · reading · storytelling · characters · adventure · worldwide

1. What was happening on the day described in the passage? (2 marks)

2. Who suggested visiting the local bookshop? (2 marks)

3. What did Bea the honeybee explain to the group? (2 marks)

4. How did Rosa the parrot celebrate World Book Day? (2 marks)

5. Do you think World Book Day is important? Why or why not? (5 marks)

Draw: Imagine you are celebrating World Book Day. Draw a picture of how you would mark the occasion, and include some of the ideas from the passage.

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Extension challenge: Write your own story about a character who loves books and reading. What kind of adventures would they go on, and what would they learn along the way?