Story Builders with Pip the Caterpillar

Learning objective: To identify the key features of a story, including characters, settings, and plot sequences.

Read each question carefully and use your best imagination to answer. Think about how stories are put together!

Pip the bookworm caterpillar has been reading so many books that he has decided to write his own! Every good story needs a place where it happens, someone to go on a journey, and something exciting to solve.

Word bank: character · setting · beginning · middle · ending · problem · adventure · solution

1. Pip is writing a story about a brave lion named Leo. In story writing, what do we call the person or animal that the story is about? (1 mark)

2. A story needs a 'setting'. If Leo the lion goes on an adventure to a sandy desert, is the desert his character or his setting? (1 mark)

3. Every story needs a 'problem' to make it exciting. Can you think of a small problem Leo the lion might face in his story? (2 marks)

4. Look at these three words: Beginning, Middle, Ending. Why is it important to put these in the right order when writing a story? (2 marks)

5. If Leo found a golden key in his story, what would be a good 'solution' to the problem of a locked treasure chest? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a setting for a story. It could be a magical forest, a deep blue ocean, or a city in the clouds. Label one character you would like to see in that setting.

Extension challenge: Imagine Leo the lion finds a bag of coins worth £5. Write one sentence about what he might buy to help him on his adventure.