

Pip's Magnificent Word Garden

Learning objective: To develop vocabulary by selecting and using precise synonyms to improve sentence quality, meeting the Year 5 requirement for expanded noun phrases and varied vocabulary.

Pip the bookworm caterpillar is growing a garden of 'Magnificent Words'. Below are five sentences that use 'boring' words. Your task is to select a more descriptive, 'magnificent' synonym from the word bank to replace the underlined word in each sentence. Write the new, improved sentence in the space provided to help Pip's garden bloom.

Word bank: enormous · dazzling · shrieked · furious · ancient · glittering · whispered · tiny · enraged · timeless

1. 1. Max the monkey found a big banana in the jungle. (Replace 'big') (2 marks)

2. 2. The sun looked bright in the sky today. (Replace 'bright') (2 marks)

3. 3. Zara the zebra was angry when her paints went missing. (Replace 'angry') (2 marks)

4. 4. Ellie the elephant told a story about an old tree. (Replace 'old') (2 marks)

5. 5. 'Look out!' the parrot shouted from the branch. (Replace 'shouted') (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a 'Magnificent Word' flower for Pip. In the centre of the flower, write a boring word like 'happy', and on the petals, write four more exciting synonyms for that word (e.g., elated, joyful, cheerful, ecstatic).



Extension challenge: Choose one of your improved sentences from the activity and expand it further by adding an adverb (e.g., 'The enormous banana sat precariously on the branch') to create a complex sentence.