

A Snowy Surprise for Pip

Learning objective: To develop reading comprehension skills by answering questions about a short narrative text.

Read the story carefully and answer the questions below. Remember to look back at the text to find your answers.

The snow was falling softly over the forest. Pip the caterpillar was feeling very festive. He wrapped himself in a tiny, woolly scarf to stay warm. 'I want to share the joy of the season,' Pip decided. He spent the morning gathering shiny red holly berries and golden leaves. He wanted to decorate the old oak tree for his friends. When Max the monkey arrived, he brought a big bag of nuts to share. 'Look at the tree, Max!' Pip cheered. The tree was glowing with colour. They worked together to hang the berries. Soon, Leo the lion and Ellie the elephant came to visit. They brought a gift of warm honey cakes. Everyone sat under the tree, eating cakes and telling stories. It was the best day of the year. They felt so happy to be together. Pip smiled as he watched the stars appear. He knew that the best part of the season was not the presents, but the kindness they shared with each other. The forest felt quiet, calm, and full of peace.

Word bank: cozy · twinkling · festive · generous · shimmering

1. What did Pip the caterpillar wear to stay warm? (1 mark)

2. What food did Leo and Ellie bring to the forest? (1 mark)

3. Why do you think Pip wanted to decorate the tree for his friends? (2 marks)

4. How do you think the friends felt when they were all together? (2 marks)

5. Do you think Pip is a good friend? Why or why not? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Pip, Max, Leo, and Ellie sitting under the decorated oak tree in the snow.



Extension challenge: Write a sentence about what gift you would bring to a party with Pip and his friends.