Pip’s Library Adventure

Learning objective: To develop retrieval, inference, and evaluative skills through a short narrative.

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

Pip the caterpillar lived in the heart of the Great Oak Library. While other caterpillars spent their days munching on crunchy green leaves, Pip preferred to munch on stories. Pip had a special collection of words that he kept in tiny, silk-spun pouches. Today, Pip was helping his friend Ellie the elephant find a story about a brave knight and a shimmering, friendly dragon.

'I want a story that makes me feel like I am flying!' Ellie trumpeted softly, her ears flapping with excitement. Pip scurried up a dusty shelf and pulled out a heavy book with a golden spine. As they opened the pages together, the library seemed to fade away. They were no longer in the oak tree; they were standing on a mountain peak looking over a kingdom made of clouds. Pip loved how books could turn a quiet afternoon into a grand adventure without ever leaving the room. Ellie smiled, remembering the story of the dragon as if it were a memory from her own life. Pip carefully tucked a new word, 'enchanted', into his pouch. It was a perfect day for reading.

Word bank: adventure · imagination · collection · character · setting · explore

1. Where does Pip the caterpillar live? (1 mark)

2. What does Pip collect and keep in his silk-spun pouches? (1 mark)

3. How do you know that Ellie is excited about the story? (2 marks)

4. Why does the library seem to 'fade away' when they open the book? (2 marks)

5. Do you think Pip is a good friend to Ellie? Explain why. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw Pip the caterpillar sitting on top of a large book with Ellie the elephant, imagining the kingdom made of clouds described in the story.

Extension challenge: Imagine you are Pip. Write down three new words you have discovered today and explain what they mean in your own sentences.