

Pip's Magnificent Word Collection

Learning objective: To develop vocabulary by identifying and explaining the meaning of descriptive words within a text.

Read the story carefully and answer the questions below. Use full sentences where appropriate.

Pip the caterpillar is not your average garden resident. While others spend their time munching on leaves, Pip is a dedicated word collector. Every morning, Pip crawls across the emerald lawn, searching for sparkling new vocabulary to add to his tiny notebook. Today, he found a magnificent word: 'glistening'. He spotted it resting on a morning dewdrop that shone like a diamond in the sun. Later, he discovered 'vibrant' while watching a red ladybird crawl over a bright yellow petal. Pip believes that words have colours and textures. He finds 'fragile' words that feel as soft as silk, and 'strong' words that sound like a drum beat. By lunchtime, his notebook was overflowing with brilliant, descriptive language. Pip knows that by choosing the perfect word, he can paint a picture in someone's mind without using a single paintbrush. He smiled, feeling proud of his latest discovery. He tucked his notebook under a broad leaf, ready to hunt for more linguistic treasures tomorrow. To Pip, every sentence is a brand-new adventure waiting to be written.

Word bank: magnificent · glistening · vibrant · fragile · discovery

1. Where did Pip find the word 'glistening'? (2 marks)

2. List two adjectives Pip uses to describe the words he collects. (2 marks)

3. Why does Pip collect words instead of just eating leaves like other caterpillars? (2 marks)

4. What does the author mean by the phrase, 'he can paint a picture in someone's mind'? (2 marks)

5. Do you think Pip is a clever character? Explain why you think this using evidence from the text. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw Pip the caterpillar sitting on a leaf with his tiny notebook, surrounded by floating, colourful words like 'vibrant', 'glistening', and 'fragile'.



Extension challenge: Choose three words from the text and write your own creative sentences using them. Then, try to think of one synonym for each of those words.