

Word Wizards: Expanding Your Vocabulary with Pip

Learning objective: To improve writing by selecting precise vocabulary, using synonyms, and understanding word shades of meaning.

Read each question carefully. Pip the bookworm needs your help to find the most descriptive words to make his stories sparkle. Use the word bank to help you choose the best vocabulary for each task.

Word bank: glistening · colossal · tranquil · vibrant · ancient · frantic · fragile · gloomy

1. Pip found a very big spider's web in the garden. Instead of using the word 'big', choose a more descriptive adjective from the word bank to describe the web. Explain why this word is better. (2 marks)

2. Which word from the bank would best describe a busy, noisy marketplace? Explain your choice. (2 marks)

3. Find a synonym for the word 'shiny' in the word bank. Write a short sentence using that word to describe a dewdrop on a leaf. (2 marks)

4. If a library is very peaceful, which word from the bank would be the best synonym? Write the word below. (1 mark)

5. Look at the word 'fragile'. Write a sentence describing an object that might be described using this word. (2 marks)

6. Choose two words from the bank that are opposites (antonyms). Explain how their meanings differ. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene featuring Pip the caterpillar sitting on a leaf, surrounded by three things that could be described as 'vibrant' and one thing that is 'ancient'.



Extension challenge: Choose your favourite word from the bank and write a short paragraph (3-4 sentences) about a mysterious forest adventure using that word to create a specific mood.