

A Celebration of Stories with Pip

Learning objective: To retrieve information from a text and make inferences about the significance of World Book Day.

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

World Book Day is a highly anticipated event in the school calendar, dedicated to the magical power of reading. For Pip the bookworm, it is the most important day of the year. Pip believes that books are portals to distant lands, allowing children to step into the shoes of someone entirely different. Across the country, classrooms transform into hubs of creativity. Pupils often dress as their favourite literary figures, though Pip prefers to celebrate by hosting a grand 'word hunt' in the library. During the event, teachers encourage students to share their most cherished stories, helping everyone discover new genres and authors. Whether it is a mystery set in a foggy Victorian city or a thrilling expedition through an ancient rainforest, reading broadens our horizons. Pip spends the day collecting new vocabulary, marvelling at how ink on a page can spark such vivid pictures in our minds. By the time the final bell rings, every child leaves with a sense of wonder and a renewed desire to embark on their next reading journey. It is truly a celebration of imagination that unites pupils in a shared love for the written word.

Word bank: imagination · celebration · literary · character · perspective · adventure

1. What activity does Pip choose to host in the library to celebrate World Book Day? (2 marks) (2 marks)

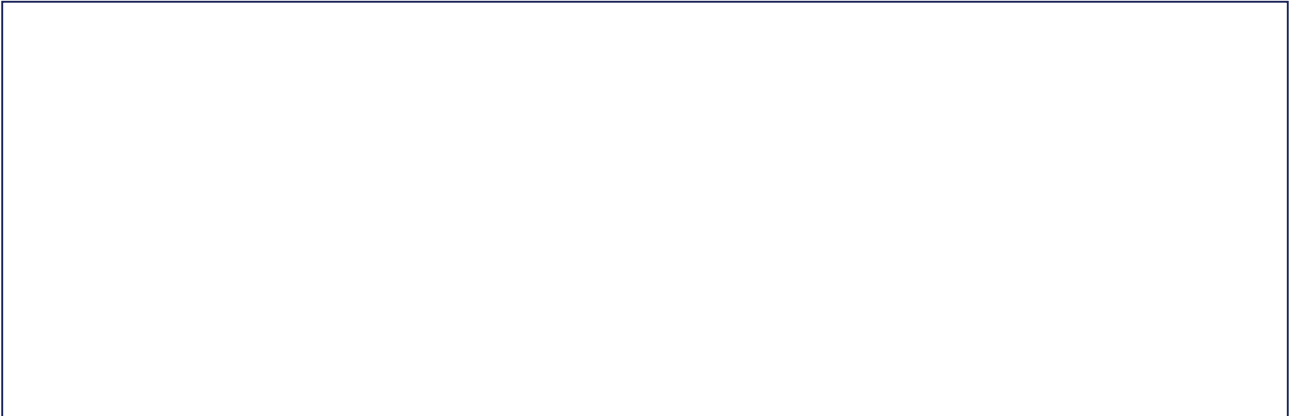
2. According to the text, what do pupils often do to mark the occasion? (2 marks) (2 marks)

3. Why does the author describe books as 'portals to distant lands'? (3 marks) (3 marks)

4. Explain why Pip might feel that reading is a 'shared' experience rather than a lonely one. (3 marks) (3 marks)

5. Do you think World Book Day is an effective way to encourage children to read? Justify your answer. (3 marks) (3 marks)

Draw: Draw Pip the bookworm sitting in a giant, open book. Around him, illustrate the things he described: a foggy city, a rainforest, and floating words that represent his favourite vocabulary.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are an author. Write a short paragraph (50-70 words) about a new, original character you have created. Explain why your character would love to visit Pip's library. Then, justify why reading is a vital skill for someone in your character's specific situation.