

World Book Day: The Great Library Mystery

Learning objective: To analyse character motivations and evaluate the impact of descriptive language in a narrative text.

Read the passage below carefully. Use your inference skills to answer the questions. For the Greater Depth section, ensure you justify your opinions with evidence from the text.

The sun dipped below the horizon, casting a golden glow over the Whispering Woods. Pip the caterpillar adjusted his spectacles, his tiny heart thumping with anticipation. It was World Book Day, the most important date in the forest calendar. Pip had spent weeks preparing his display of ancient scrolls, but a mysterious silver bookmark had appeared on his desk overnight. It was etched with glowing, shimmering patterns that seemed to dance under the moonlight. 'This isn't just any scrap of paper,' Pip whispered, his antennae twitching with excitement. He knew that somewhere in the vast, moss-covered library, a story was waiting to be unlocked. He gathered his courage, clutched the bookmark tightly, and began his quest to find the matching volume. The forest felt alive, as if the very trees were leaning in to hear the secret he was about to discover.

Word bank: manuscript · anticipation · tome · meticulous · enchanted · revelation

1. Identify two adjectives used to describe the bookmark. Why might the author have chosen these specific words to describe it? (2 marks)

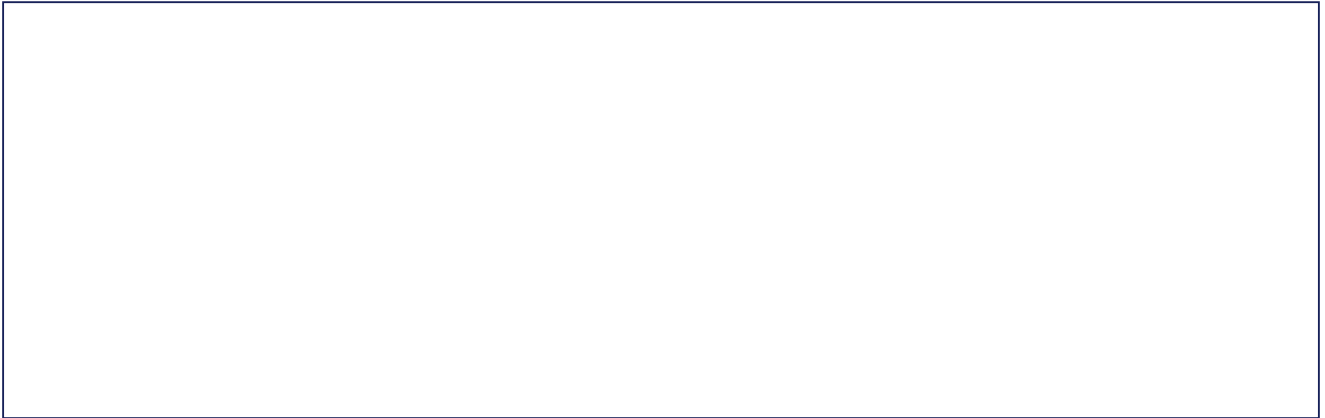
2. How does Pip feel about World Book Day? Use a piece of evidence from the text to support your answer. (2 marks)

3. Explain why the author describes the forest as feeling 'alive'. What effect does this have on the reader? (3 marks)

4. Compare and contrast Pip's personality with a character you have read about in another book. Focus on their enthusiasm for discovery. (4 marks)

5. Justify your answer: If Pip were to find the matching volume, what do you think might happen next? Use clues from the story to explain your prediction. (4 marks)

Draw: Draw the mysterious silver bookmark that Pip found. Ensure you include the 'glowing, shimmering patterns' mentioned in the text, and show how the moonlight makes it look.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are Pip. Write a short journal entry (100 words) describing your feelings as you start your journey into the library. Use at least three words from the word bank in your writing. Then, explain why you think books are important to the creatures of the Whispering Woods.