

Adventures in Adjectives with Pip the Bookworm

Learning objective: To identify, select, and use expanded noun phrases with adjectives to add detail and precision to writing.

Read the short story below about Pip the Bookworm. Carefully identify the adjectives used to describe the objects and characters, then answer the questions to show your understanding.

Pip the bookworm sat upon a sturdy, wooden branch, adjusting his tiny spectacles. He was surrounded by a vast forest where the leaves turned a vibrant shade of amber in the autumn breeze. In his paws, he held an ancient, dusty book filled with stories of brave explorers. A fragrant scent of pine drifted through the air as Pip began to read a shimmering page of poetry. He was a meticulous reader, ensuring he didn't miss a single word of the dazzling tale.

Word bank: shimmering · ancient · vibrant · sturdy · meticulous · vast · fragrant · dazzling

1. Find and copy two adjectives from the passage that describe the book Pip is holding. (2 marks)

2. Why do you think the author chose the adjective 'meticulous' to describe Pip? Explain your answer using evidence from the text. (2 marks)

3. The passage describes the forest as 'vast'. Can you think of a synonym for 'vast' that would keep the same meaning in the sentence? (1 mark)

4. Rewrite the phrase 'a sturdy, wooden branch' by replacing the adjectives with two of your own that describe a different type of object (e.g., a desk or a chair). (2 marks)

5. Identify the noun being described by the adjective 'shimmering' in the final paragraph. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of Pip the bookworm sitting in the forest. Include at least three items from the story and label them using an expanded noun phrase containing an adjective (e.g., 'The dusty, old book').



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph (3-4 sentences) describing a magical library. Use at least four ambitious adjectives to make your description as vivid as possible for the reader.