

A Snowy Christmas Adventure

Learning objective: To assess reading comprehension and narrative writing skills based on a seasonal story.

Read the story below carefully. Answer the questions in the spaces provided, ensuring you use capital letters and full stops.

It was a cold, crisp Christmas Eve. Pip the caterpillar was busy wrapping tiny presents made from colourful autumn leaves. He wanted to give a gift to all his friends in the woodland. Nova the owl flew down from the oak tree with a basket of holly berries. 'Let us share these treats,' Nova hooted softly. Max the monkey arrived, counting his festive acorns. 'I have ten acorns to share!' Max cheered. Together, the friends decorated a small pine tree with silver stardust. They felt very happy to be together, sharing warmth and kindness on such a special night.

Word bank: festive · sparkling · generous · celebrate · twinkling · kindness

1. What are the two things Pip is using to make his presents? (2 marks)

2. Which character arrives with a basket of holly berries? (1 mark)

3. How many acorns does Max have to share? (1 mark)

4. Why do you think the friends decided to share their gifts with each other? Use evidence from the story. (3 marks)

5. Describe the setting of the story. Use at least two adjectives to explain what the night was like. (3 marks)

6. Imagine you are joining Pip, Nova, and Max for their Christmas celebration. Write 4-5 sentences about what gift you would bring and how you would help them decorate the tree. (15 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Pip, Nova, and Max decorating their pine tree. Include the silver stardust and the colourful leaf presents.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Challenge: Can you write a sentence using the word 'generous' to describe how the friends acted in the story?