

Detective Pip's Inference Investigation

Learning objective: To develop the skill of inference by using clues in a text to understand characters' feelings and motivations.

Read the short story about Pip the caterpillar below. Use the clues in the text to answer the questions. Remember, inference is like being a detective—you look for evidence to solve the mystery!

Pip the caterpillar sat on a large, green leaf. He stared at his favourite book, but he kept looking up at the sky. His tiny shoulders were slumped, and he let out a long, heavy sigh. He noticed a dark, grey cloud drifting over the garden. Pip slowly closed his book and tucked it safely inside his waterproof leaf-pouch. He crawled under a sturdy mushroom and curled up, watching the first few raindrops hit the grass.

Word bank: Inference · Evidence · Character · Clues · Feeling

1. 1. Why was Pip looking up at the sky? A) He wanted to fly. B) He was looking for his friends. C) He was worried about the weather. D) He was counting clouds. *Answer: C (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Pip was feeling very excited and happy. (1 mark)

3. 3. Which word from the text suggests Pip was feeling sad or disappointed? (1 word answer) (1 mark)

4. 4. Why did Pip put his book in a waterproof pouch? A) Because he wanted to hide it. B) To keep it dry from the rain. C) To make more space. D) Because it was too heavy. *Answer: B (1 mark)

5. 5. What was happening to the weather? (1 word answer) (1 mark)

6. 6. True or False: Pip decided to stay out in the rain to finish his book. (1 mark)

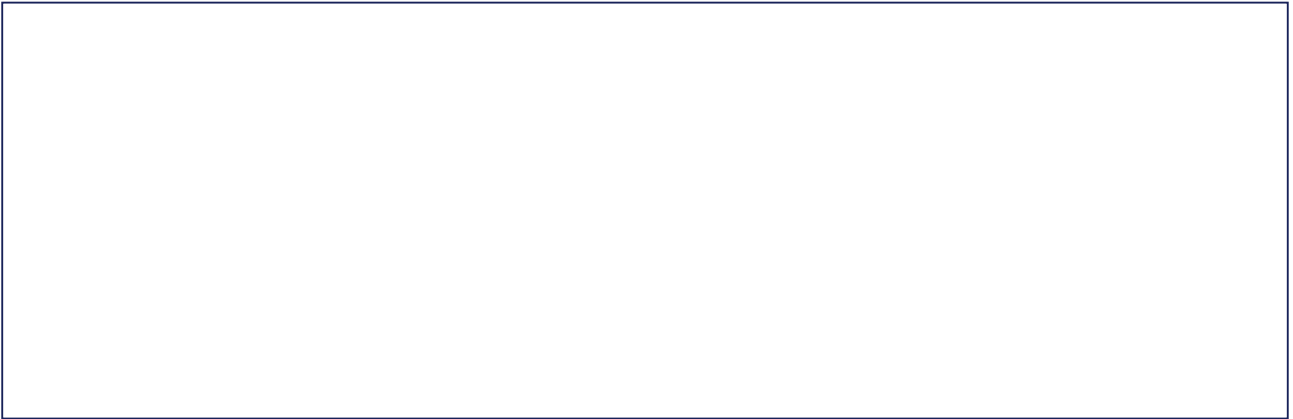
7. 7. Where did Pip go to stay dry? (1 word answer) (1 mark)

8. 8. How can we tell Pip is a careful reader? A) He reads very fast. B) He keeps his book in a safe, waterproof pouch. C) He only reads in the sun. D) He reads to his friends. *Answer: B (1 mark)

9. 9. True or False: The text explicitly says 'Pip was afraid of the rain.' (1 mark)

10. 10. What can we infer about Pip's personality from his actions? (1 word answer: e.g. Prepared/Lazy/Silly) (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of Pip the caterpillar hiding under the mushroom, keeping his book safe from the rain.



Extension challenge: Write two sentences about what Pip might do once the rain stops. Use clues from the story to explain why he chooses that activity.