

Year 3 Phonics and Spelling Assessment

Learning objective: To demonstrate secure knowledge of GPCs, digraphs, trigraphs, and spelling patterns in line with Year 3 expectations.

Read each question carefully. Check your spellings and ensure your handwriting is neat. You have 30 minutes to complete this assessment.

Pip the caterpillar loves to read in the garden. One bright morning, Pip found a beautiful book hidden under a leaf. 'I thought I knew every story,' Pip said, 'but this is new knowledge!' Pip used a long stretch of silk to turn the page and began to read.

Word bank: caterpillar · favourite · bright · knowledge · stretch · beautiful · thought

1. Find two words in the passage that contain the 'igh' trigraph and write them below. (2 marks)

2. The word 'caterpillar' has a tricky 'ar' sound at the end. Can you think of two more words that end with the 'ar' sound and write them in a sentence? (3 marks)

3. Max the monkey is helping you with your spelling. Add the correct suffix (-ed, -ing, or -er) to the word 'stretch' to complete this sentence: 'The gymnast made a giant _____ to reach the bar.' (2 marks)

4. Look at the word 'thought'. Identify the silent letters in this word and explain why they make this word tricky to spell. (3 marks)

5. Choose three words from the word bank and write a short story about Nova the owl looking at the stars. Ensure you use the words correctly in context. (5 marks)

6. Write the plural form of these words: 1. Fox, 2. Butterfly, 3. Leaf. (3 marks)

7. Identify the 'split digraph' in the word 'stare'. Change the vowel to make a new word and write it down. (2 marks)

8. Explain the difference in meaning between the homophones 'sea' and 'see'. (2 marks)

9. Correct the spelling of these three words: 'beutiful', 'favourit', 'knowlege'. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw Pip the caterpillar reading a book under a bright sun, then label your drawing with three words containing a long vowel sound.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Challenge: Can you write a poem about Finn the dolphin using at least four words that have a prefix like 'un-', 'dis-', or 're-'?