

Year 5 Vocabulary Mastery Assessment

Learning objective: To demonstrate understanding of synonyms, antonyms, formal and informal registers, and the precise use of vocabulary in context.

Read each question carefully. Ensure your answers are written in clear, grammatically correct sentences where required. Check your spelling and punctuation.

Max the monkey sat in the canopy of the forest, looking down at his collection of maths puzzles. 'This one is quite simple,' he thought, 'but the next one looks rather difficult.' Below him, Pip the caterpillar was busy munching on a leaf. 'Pip,' called Max, 'would you say this task is a small matter, or is it a huge challenge?' Pip looked up and smiled, 'I think it depends on how much you enjoy the puzzle!'

Word bank: magnificent · trivial · colossal · perilous · cautious · furious · ancient · vibrant

1. Find a synonym for the word 'huge' from the word bank provided. Explain why this word is more effective than 'big'. (2 marks)

2. Identify an antonym for the word 'cautious' from the word bank and use it in a sentence about a brave lion named Leo. (3 marks)

3. Rewrite the following informal sentence to make it sound more formal, suitable for a report: 'Max thought the puzzle was super easy and not a big deal at all.' (3 marks)

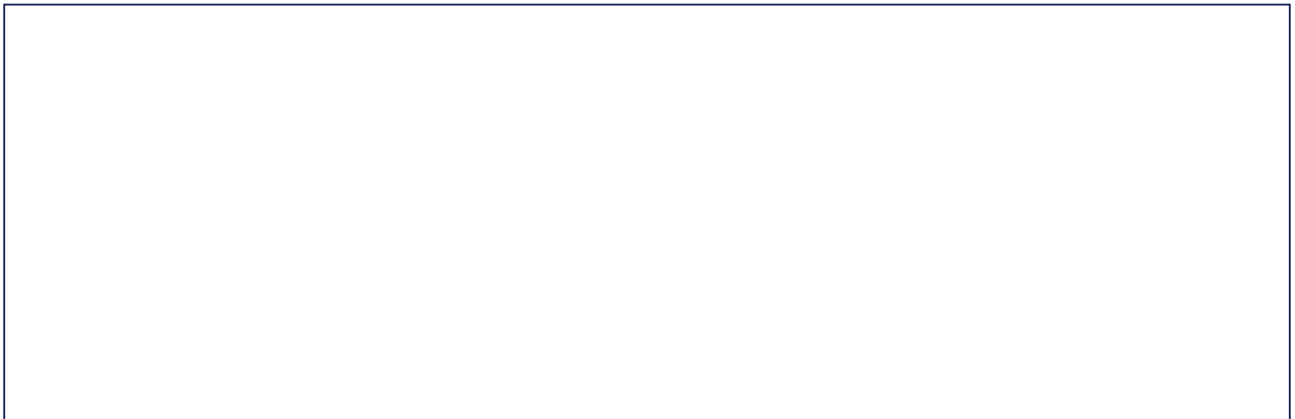
4. Select two words from the word bank that could describe a stormy, dangerous sea and explain how they add atmosphere to a story. (4 marks)

5. Explain the difference in meaning between 'vibrant' and 'ancient'. Give an example of something that could be described as 'ancient'. (3 marks)

6. A bird finds a shiny object in the forest. Write a short paragraph (3-5 sentences) describing the object. You must include at least three of the words from the word bank and ensure your writing is descriptive and engaging. (5 marks)

7. Why is it important for an author to choose precise adjectives rather than using basic words like 'good' or 'bad'? (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a 'colossal' tree in the forest where Max and Pip are sitting. Use labels to describe parts of the tree using at least two words from the word bank.



Extension challenge: Total: /25