

Pip's Word Collector's Journal

Learning objective: To identify and use ambitious vocabulary to enhance descriptive writing.

Pip the caterpillar is on a mission to find the most interesting words in the English language. Use this template to record new words you discover in your reading. Choose words that are powerful, unusual, or paint a vivid picture in the reader's mind. Fill in the sections below to build your own vocabulary collection.

Word bank: Resilient · Spectacular · Meander · Glistening · Enormous · Tranquil · Bewildered · Radiant

1. The New Discovery: Write down a new word you have found while reading today. What type of word is it (noun, verb, or adjective)? (2 marks)

2. Definition Station: Explain what the word means in your own words. You might want to use a dictionary to help you. (3 marks)

3. Synonym Search: Can you think of two other words that mean almost the same thing? List them here. (2 marks)

4. Context Clues: Write a sentence of your own using this new word. Make sure your sentence helps the reader understand what the word means. (3 marks)

5. Visualise It: Describe how this word makes you feel or what it makes you think of. Does it sound soft, sharp, fast, or slow? (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Choose two of your collected words and write a short, four-line poem where they are both used to describe a scene in nature.