

Vocabulary Expansion: Painting with Words

Learning objective: To use adventurous vocabulary to enhance descriptive writing and create vivid imagery for the reader.

Use this frame to help you draft a descriptive paragraph about a forest scene. Refer to the word bank to replace 'boring' words with more precise and evocative alternatives.

As Pip the caterpillar crawled onto the mossy log, the forest around him seemed to wake up in a symphony of colour.

Word bank: furthermore · consequently · glimmering · ancient · resilient · in the distance · vibrant · whispering · breathtaking · notably

1. How can you describe the appearance of the forest floor using at least two adjectives from the word bank? Start your sentence: The forest floor was covered in... (2 marks)

2. Describe the sounds Pip can hear. Use a connective to link your ideas: The trees were swaying gently, furthermore... (2 marks)

3. What does the sky look like above the trees? Use a phrase from the word bank: High above, the sky appeared... (2 marks)

4. How does Pip feel about his surroundings? Start your sentence: Pip felt a sense of wonder because... (2 marks)

5. Summarise the scene with a final thought about the beauty of nature. Start your sentence: In conclusion, the woodland was... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Choose three adjectives you used in your writing and find three synonyms for each that could make your description even more powerful.