

Year 5 English Assessment: The Magic of World Book Day

Learning objective: To evaluate reading comprehension, inference, and creative writing skills inspired by the celebration of books.

Read the text carefully and answer all questions in full sentences. Ensure your spelling and punctuation are accurate.

World Book Day is a global celebration of authors, illustrators, and the joy of reading. Every year, children across the United Kingdom dress up as their favourite fictional characters to bring stories to life. Pip the caterpillar spends the entire day organising the school library, ensuring that every shelf is categorised by genre. Meanwhile, Ellie the elephant uses her incredible memory to recite famous poems to her classmates. The goal of the day is not just to have fun, but to encourage every child to discover a new book that sparks their curiosity. Whether you enjoy tales of historical voyages, scientific discoveries, or fantastical journeys, there is a story waiting for you on a bookshelf somewhere.

Word bank: imagination · narrative · protagonist · literary · perspective · captivating · adventure

1. Identify two reasons why World Book Day is celebrated according to the passage. (2 marks)

2. What are Pip and Ellie doing during the World Book Day celebrations? Explain their specific roles. (2 marks)

3. Why do you think the author mentions that there is a story 'waiting for you on a bookshelf'? What does this suggest about the variety of books available? (3 marks)

4. Find and copy an adjective from the text that describes how a story might feel to a reader. Explain why you chose that word. (3 marks)

5. If you could invite any historical figure to celebrate World Book Day with you, who would it be and which book would you share with them? Give reasons for your choice. (4 marks)

6. Write a short paragraph (50-70 words) describing a new, magical book that Pip the caterpillar has just discovered in the library. Use at least two words from the word bank. (5 marks)

7. Explain the importance of reading for pleasure in your own words. How does it help your vocabulary grow? (6 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene of Pip the caterpillar and Ellie the elephant sitting in a cosy reading nook surrounded by stacks of books.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Challenge: Write a 4-line poem about the feeling of opening a brand-new book for the first time.