

Pip's Book Review Workshop

Learning objective: To write a clear and persuasive book review using descriptive adjectives and personal opinions.

Read the book review written by Pip the caterpillar. Use the passage to help you answer the questions below. Remember to use full sentences and your best joined-up handwriting.

Last week, I finished reading a wonderful story called 'The Forest of Whispering Leaves'. It is about a brave squirrel named Squeak who loses his favorite golden acorn. The plot is very exciting because Squeak has to travel across the river and climb the highest oak tree to find it. My favorite character is Squeak because he is so determined. The author uses lovely descriptive words to explain how the forest changes with the seasons. I would recommend this book to anyone who loves a mystery and a happy ending. It is a captivating story that kept me reading until my bedtime!

Word bank: captivating · opinion · recommend · character · exciting · plot · adjectives

1. Who is the main character in the story Pip read? (1 mark)

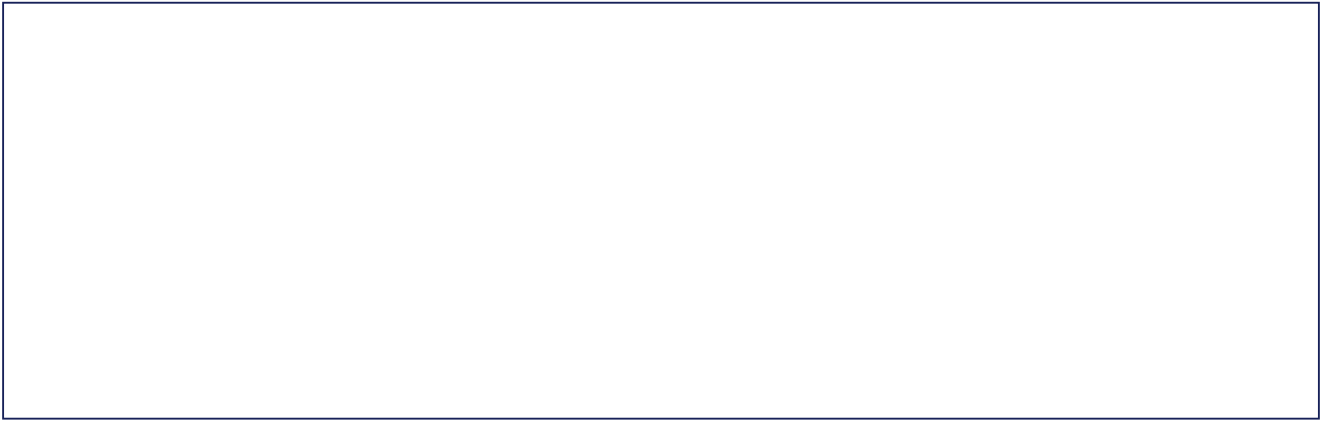
2. Why does Pip think the plot is exciting? Use evidence from the text. (2 marks)

3. What is Pip's opinion of the book? Use an adjective from the text to support your answer. (2 marks)

4. Who would Pip recommend this book to? (1 mark)

5. If you were writing a review, what is one thing you would include to tell a friend if a book is good? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw your favorite scene from a book you have read recently. Add a speech bubble showing what a character is thinking.



Extension challenge: Choose a book you have read at home. Write three sentences for a book review, making sure to include your opinion and one reason why you liked it.