

Pip the Word Collector

Learning objective: To develop reading comprehension skills by identifying spelling patterns and retrieving information from a short narrative text.

Read the story about Pip carefully. Use the word bank to help you understand the text, then answer the questions below in full sentences.

Pip is a very cheerful caterpillar who loves to read. Pip has a special hobby: he collects interesting words. Every day, Pip crawls through the garden looking for new words to add to his collection. He spots the word 'sun' on a packet of seeds and the word 'cat' on a garden sign. Pip knows that words are made of letters, and he loves to find spelling patterns. He notices that 'cat', 'hat', and 'mat' all share the same 'at' sound. When Pip finds a new word, he writes it down on a tiny leaf with his favorite green pen. His collection is growing every day. Pip keeps his word treasure in a hollow log near the big oak tree. He thinks that learning to spell is like solving a magical puzzle. Sometimes, he shares his words with his friends so they can learn how to spell them too. Pip is proud of his hard work and always tries his best to spell every word correctly.

Word bank: caterpillar · collection · spelling · patterns · treasure

1. Where does Pip keep his word treasure? (2 marks)

2. What does Pip use to write his new words down? (2 marks)

3. Why do you think Pip likes to find words that have the same spelling patterns? (2 marks)

4. How do you think Pip feels when he shares his words with his friends? (2 marks)

5. Do you think Pip is a good friend? Explain why. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw Pip the caterpillar sitting next to his hollow log, with some leaves around him that have words written on them.



Extension challenge: Can you think of three other words that rhyme with 'cat' and 'mat'? Write them down and draw a picture for each one.