

The Weaver of Whispers

Learning objective: To develop reading comprehension skills by retrieving information, making inferences, and evaluating authorial intent.

Read the passage carefully, then answer the questions below using full sentences. Ensure you refer back to the text to support your answers.

In the heart of the Whispering Woods, Pip the caterpillar spent his afternoons tucked inside the hollow of an ancient oak tree. While other insects busied themselves with gathering nectar, Pip was a collector of stories. He believed that every leaf that fell and every breeze that sighed held the fragment of a forgotten fable. Pip meticulously wrote these down on scraps of dried birch bark using a quill made from a fallen feather. He did not care for gold or silver coins, though he once found a shiny 50p piece near the forest path. Instead, his wealth was measured in adventures. He had tales of brave lions who led expeditions across sandy deserts and clever foxes who decoded the secrets of the stars. To Pip, a story was not just ink on a page; it was a bridge between the reader and the unknown. When he shared these tales with his friends, the forest seemed to grow quiet, as if the trees themselves were leaning in to listen to the magic of his narratives.

Word bank: tapestry · fable · mythology · narrative · illustrious · chronicle

1. What does Pip use to write down the stories he finds, and where does he store them? (2 marks)

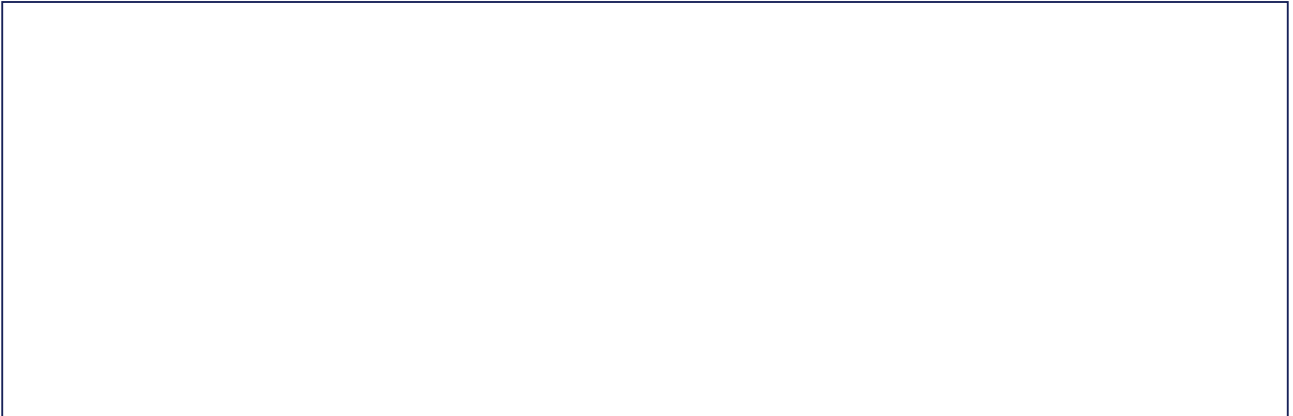
2. How much money did Pip find near the forest path, according to the text? (1 mark)

3. Why does the author suggest the trees lean in to listen when Pip shares his stories? (2 marks)

4. What evidence is there to suggest that Pip values stories more than material possessions? (2 marks)

5. Do you think Pip is a good friend to the other animals in the forest? Explain your reasoning using evidence from the passage. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Pip the caterpillar sitting in his hollow oak tree, surrounded by his scrolls of birch bark and his feather quill, with his forest friends gathered around him.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph (50-70 words) describing a new story that Pip might have written about a brave lion or a clever fox.