

Pip the Word Collector

Learning objective: To develop vocabulary skills by identifying and understanding new words in a text.

Read the story about Pip carefully. Use the word bank to help you understand tricky words. Answer the questions in the boxes provided.

Pip is a small, green caterpillar who loves books. While other insects look for leaves to eat, Pip looks for special words. He calls his hobby 'word collecting'. Pip carries a tiny notebook everywhere he goes. Today, Pip is in the garden. He finds a magnificent sunflower. He writes the word 'golden' in his book. Next, he sees dew drops scattered on the grass. He adds the word 'shimmering' to his collection. Pip is very curious about the world around him. He loves finding new, exciting words to describe what he sees. When Pip finds a big word, he feels very proud. He shares his words with his friends so they can use them too. Pip thinks that words are like pieces of a puzzle. When you put them together, you can create a wonderful story. Every day is a new adventure for Pip. He knows that learning new words helps his brain grow strong. Pip cannot wait to see what he will discover tomorrow. There are so many words waiting to be found in the garden.

Word bank: Vocabulary: the set of words a person knows · Magnificent: very beautiful or impressive · Scattered: spread out in different places · Curious: wanting to know more · Adventure: an exciting journey

1. 1. What does Pip collect in his tiny notebook? (Literal) (2 marks)

2. 2. Where does Pip find the word 'shimmering'? (Literal) (2 marks)

3. 3. Why does Pip share his words with his friends? (Inferential) (2 marks)

4. 4. How does Pip feel when he finds a big, new word? (Inferential) (2 marks)

5. 5. Do you think Pip is a good friend? Why? (Evaluative) (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Pip the caterpillar holding his tiny notebook and a pencil near a bright, golden sunflower.



Extension challenge: Pick two words you learned from the story. Write a sentence for each word to show you know what they mean.