

Detective Work with Pip the Bookworm

Learning objective: To learn how to use clues in a text to make an inference (reading between the lines).

Read the short story below. Look for clues to help you understand how the character is feeling. Use the word bank to help you write your answers. Complete the sentence starters.

Pip the caterpillar crawled slowly onto a big, green leaf. He looked up at the dark grey clouds in the sky. He tucked his tiny head under his favourite leaf and shivered as a drop of cold rain landed on his nose. Pip quickly grabbed his tiny umbrella and pulled it over his head. He watched the rain splash in the puddles.

Word bank: worried · happy · nervous · excited · clue · inference

1. Look at the passage. What is the weather like? How do you know? (Clue: Look at the words about the clouds and rain). (2 marks)

2. How is Pip feeling when he shivers? Why might he feel this way? (2 marks)

3. What does Pip do that shows he was prepared for the rain? (2 marks)

4. Complete this sentence: I think Pip is feeling _____ because he is hiding from the rain. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Pip the caterpillar holding his tiny umbrella under the big green leaf.



Extension challenge: Write one sentence about what Pip might do when the sun comes back out.