

Detective Work with Pip the Caterpillar

Learning objective: To learn how to use clues from a text to make an inference.

Inference is like being a detective! You look for clues in the words to guess what is happening. Read the sentences below. Use the clues to answer the questions. Start your sentences with the sentence starters provided.

Pip the caterpillar looked at the dark, grey clouds. He pulled his tiny coat tight around his middle. He watched the rain start to splash against his leaf home. He let out a long sigh and sat very still.

Word bank: happy · sad · worried · scared · excited · clue · because · feeling

1. How is Pip feeling in this story? Use a clue from the text to explain why. (2 marks)

2. What is the weather like? How do you know? (2 marks)

3. Why did Pip pull his coat tight? What does this show us? (2 marks)

4. If the sun came out, how might Pip act differently? Use a sentence starter: 'Pip would feel... because...' (2 marks)

Draw: Draw Pip the caterpillar inside his leaf home. Show how he might look if the sun suddenly came out from behind the clouds.



Extension challenge: Imagine Pip finds a shiny umbrella. Write one sentence about what he might do with it.