

Adjective Adventures with Pip the Bookworm

Learning objective: To identify, use, and evaluate the impact of expanded noun phrases and precise adjectives in descriptive writing.

Read the story passage below carefully. Use the word bank to help you complete the questions that follow. Make sure your answers demonstrate your understanding of how adjectives change the tone of a sentence.

Pip the caterpillar crawled across the colossal oak leaf, his tiny feet moving in a meticulous rhythm. Above him, the sky was a serene shade of azure, stretching endlessly over the meadow. Pip paused to admire a luminous butterfly resting on an archaic stone wall covered in moss. The butterfly's wings were a vibrant patchwork of patterns, looking like an intricate mosaic. Pip felt resilient, ready to begin his next great reading adventure in the heart of the forest.

Word bank: Resilient · Luminous · Archaic · Meticulous · Vibrant · Serene · Colossal · Intricate

1. Identify three adjectives from the passage that describe the environment. Why do you think the author chose the word 'colossal' to describe the leaf instead of just 'big'? (2 marks)

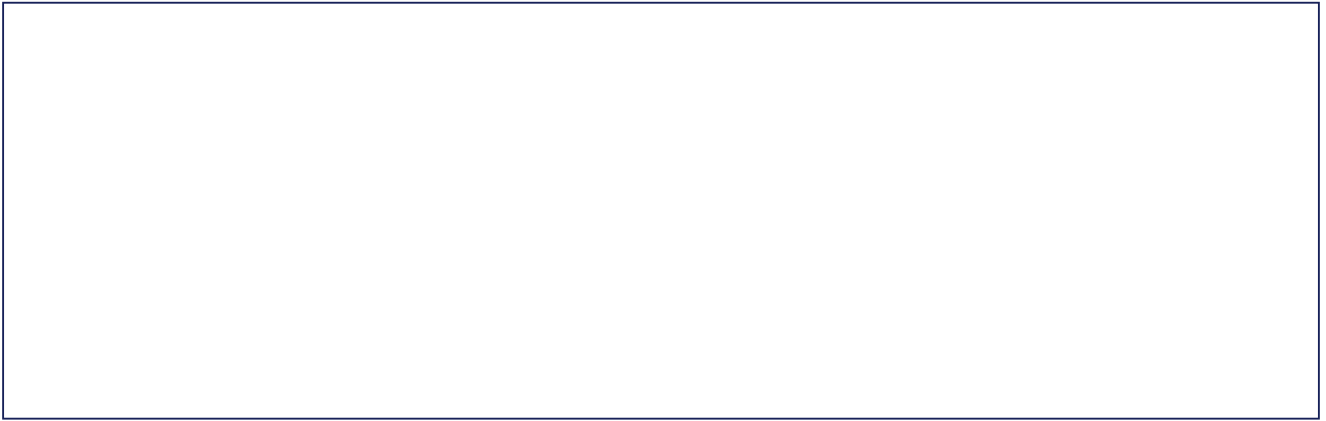
2. Find the expanded noun phrase used to describe the butterfly's wings. Explain how the adjectives used change your mental image of the insect. (2 marks)

3. Choose one word from the word bank that is not in the text and write a new sentence describing Pip's favourite library book using it. (2 marks)

4. If Pip were to find a 'dull' pebble, how could you replace the word 'dull' with a more precise adjective to show it is old and weathered? Provide two options. (2 marks)

5. Rewrite the sentence 'The butterfly sat on the wall' by adding two adjectives to describe the butterfly and one adjective to describe the wall. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Pip the caterpillar exploring the forest. Label your drawing with at least four sophisticated adjectives from the word bank to describe the scenery.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph (3-4 sentences) about a mysterious object Pip finds in the forest. You must include at least one relative clause and three well-chosen adjectives to build suspense.