

A Winter Celebration: Year 3 English Assessment

Learning objective: To demonstrate understanding of narrative structure, descriptive language, and creative writing through a festive story.

Read the story below carefully. Answer all questions in full sentences where required. Check your spelling and punctuation.

The snow fell softly over the Great Oak Forest. Pip the bookworm caterpillar was busy wrapping tiny gifts in shimmering silver paper. 'I want to make sure everyone feels special this winter,' Pip chirped. Max the monkey swung down from a branch, holding a notebook filled with maths equations. 'Pip, I have calculated the perfect amount of holly berries to decorate our feast!' Max exclaimed. Together, they trotted to the clearing where Leo the lion was waiting. Leo smiled, his golden mane dusted with snowflakes. He had written a beautiful poem about friendship to share with all their forest friends. The air was filled with the scent of pine needles and the sound of happy laughter. It was a time for kindness, sharing, and making wonderful memories under the winter stars.

Word bank: festive · sparkling · generous · twinkling · adventure · cheer · shimmering

1. Why does Pip the caterpillar want to wrap gifts in silver paper? (2 marks)

2. What is Max the monkey doing to help prepare for the winter feast? (2 marks)

3. Find and copy two adjectives from the passage that describe how the forest looks or feels. (2 marks)

4. How do you think the characters feel about each other? Use evidence from the text to explain your answer. (4 marks)

5. The characters decide to buy a special gift for their friend Nova the owl. If they have £10.00 and spend £4.50 on a book, how much money do they have left? Show your working out. (4 marks)

6. Imagine you are one of the characters in the story. Write a short paragraph (5-6 sentences) describing your perfect winter celebration. Use at least two words from the word bank. (6 marks)

7. Why might the author have chosen to set the story in the 'Great Oak Forest' instead of a busy town? (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Pip, Max, and Leo sharing their winter feast under the starlit sky.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Challenge: Can you write a rhyming couplet about the winter stars to add to Leo's poem?