

The Forest Feast of Lights

Learning objective: To develop reading comprehension skills by retrieving information, making inferences, and justifying opinions based on a narrative text.

Read the story of the Forest Feast of Lights carefully, then answer the questions below using full sentences.

In the heart of the Whispering Woods, the winter air was crisp and cold. Pip the caterpillar had been working hard all year, collecting colourful leaves to decorate the Great Oak. Tonight was the Forest Feast of Lights, a special time when all the animals gathered to share a meal. Max the monkey spent the morning calculating exactly how many acorns were needed for the feast, ensuring every guest had their fair share. Meanwhile, Leo the lion helped string glowing, bioluminescent berries across the branches like tiny lanterns.

As the moon rose, the forest began to twinkle. Ellie the elephant arrived carrying a basket of sweet roots, her trunk held high with pride. She had spent a long time remembering the old stories to share by the fire. The animals sat together in a circle, their fur and feathers warming against the chilly breeze. They laughed, ate, and told tales of the year gone by. For the animals of the Whispering Woods, the feast wasn't just about the food; it was about the warmth of being together under the starlight.

Word bank: festive · starlight · generous · twinkling · communal · celebration

1. What two tasks did Pip and Leo do to prepare for the Forest Feast of Lights? (2 marks)

2. Why did Max the monkey spend his morning counting acorns? (2 marks)

3. How can you tell that the animals care about each other? (2 marks)

4. Why do you think the animals choose to hold their feast in the winter? (2 marks)

5. Do you think the Forest Feast of Lights is a good tradition for the animals? Explain your reason. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene from the Forest Feast of Lights showing Pip, Max, Leo, and Ellie sitting together under the glowing berry lanterns.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are hosting a winter feast for your friends. Write a list of three items you would bring to share and explain why you chose them.