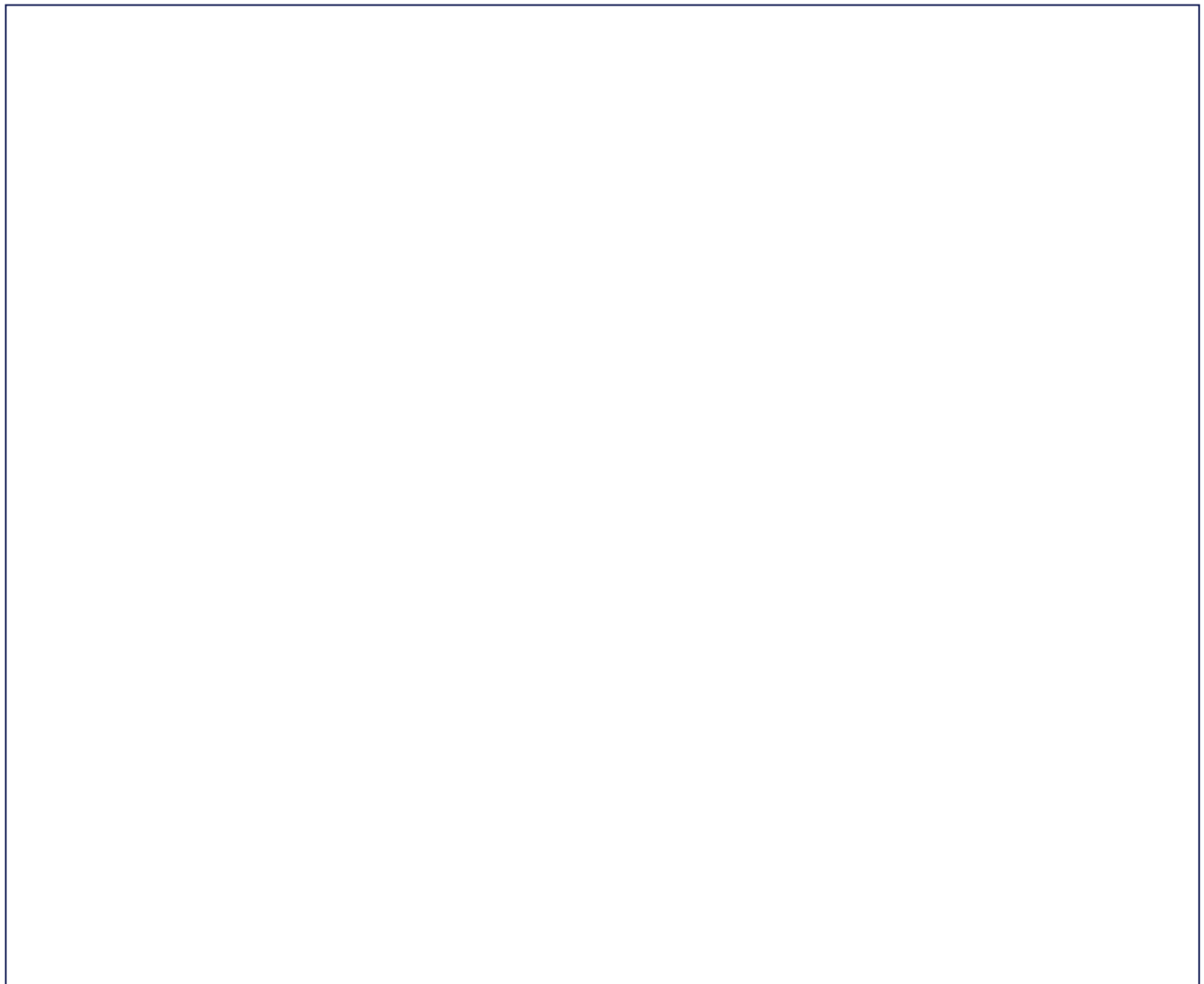


# The Winter Solstice Celebration: A Story-Starter Drawing Task

*Learning objective: To use descriptive language and visual planning to create a vivid setting for a festive narrative.*

Use your imagination to build a scene for a Christmas story. Follow the drawing steps below, incorporating the descriptive words from the word bank to enhance your illustration. Think about how the environment sets the mood for your festive tale.

**Draw:** Draw a festive, snowy landscape at twilight. Include: 1) A central structure (like a cosy cottage or an old oak tree) decorated with lights. 2) A path leading through the snow showing clear footprints. 3) A clear night sky with a crescent moon. 4) Use 'glistening' textures for the snow and 'silhouette' shapes for the surrounding forest. The style should be detailed and atmospheric, focusing on the contrast between the warm, inviting light of the building and the cool, tranquil winter air.



*Label words: glistening · atmospheric · festive · twinkling · frost-covered · tranquil · vibrant · silhouette*

## Steps:

1. Identify one sensory detail you have included in your drawing (e.g., sound, smell, or temperature) and explain how it helps the reader understand the festive atmosphere.

2. If Pip the caterpillar were to visit this setting, what is one item he might find to add to his collection of 'winter words'? Explain your choice.
3. Write a short, descriptive sentence (using a fronted adverbial) to describe the weather in your drawing.
4. Label the focal point of your illustration using one adjective from the word bank.
5. Describe the light source in your scene. Is it natural (like the moon) or artificial (like lanterns)? Why did you choose this?