

A Festive Storytime Challenge with Pip the Bookworm

Learning objective: To analyse narrative structure, vocabulary, and literary devices within a festive-themed story.

Read the short story passage below, then answer the ten questions that follow to test your comprehension and language skills.

The snow fell silently, wrapping the village of Oakhaven in a thick, velvet blanket. Inside his cosy cottage, Pip the caterpillar sat by the crackling hearth, reading a dusty volume of winter tales. Outside, the wind whistled a lonely tune against the windowpane, but inside, the air tasted of cinnamon and warmth. Pip adjusted his spectacles and turned the page; the story spoke of a time when the stars danced in the frost and every creature shared a feast of friendship. He smiled, feeling the magic of the season settle in his heart.

Word bank: Atmospheric · Metaphor · Personification · Narrative · Protagonist · Festive · Onomatopoeia

1. 1. What is the main setting of this story? A) A bustling city B) A tropical beach C) The village of Oakhaven* D) A dark cave (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: The wind is described as whistling a lonely tune. This is an example of personification. (1 mark)

3. 3. Which adjective best describes the atmosphere inside Pip's cottage? A) Chaotic B) Cosy* C) Frightening D) Gloomy (1 mark)

4. 4. What word is used to describe the blanket of snow? A) Velvet* B) Cotton C) Rough D) Paper (1 mark)

5. 5. What item was Pip reading? A) A map B) A newspaper C) A dusty volume of winter tales* D) A recipe book (1 mark)

6. 6. True or False: Pip is a spider. (1 mark)

7. 7. What sense is being described when the author mentions the air 'tasted of cinnamon'? A) Sight B) Hearing C) Smell/Taste* D) Touch (1 mark)

8. 8. Give a one-word synonym for 'hearth' as used in the passage. (1 mark)

9. 9. In the story, what were the stars doing? A) Falling B) Shining C) Dancing* D) Hiding (1 mark)

10. 10. True or False: The story mentions that Pip felt the magic of the season in his heart. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of Pip the caterpillar sitting in his cosy cottage, wearing spectacles and reading a large book by a warm, crackling fireplace.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph (50-70 words) describing what Pip might do next in his festive story. Use at least one metaphor and one piece of onomatopoeia.