

The Forest Library Mystery

Learning objective: To identify and understand the function of nouns and verbs within a narrative text.

Read the passage below carefully. Use your knowledge of word classes to answer the questions that follow. Remember to use full sentences.

Pip the caterpillar spent his afternoon inside the Great Oak Library. He carefully crawled across a dusty shelf, searching for a specific book about ancient maps. His friend, Max the monkey, was busy calculating the number of volumes on the lower levels. Max loved maths, so he enjoyed counting the spines of the books. Suddenly, a soft breeze rustled the pages of an open atlas. Pip felt excited; he knew that a breeze meant the window was ajar. He quickly scampered toward the light to investigate. Meanwhile, Ellie the elephant stood nearby, guarding the entrance with her impressive memory. She remembered exactly where every story was hidden. The atmosphere was peaceful, yet full of discovery. Pip adjusted his spectacles and peered at the shelves. He realised that words were like hidden treasures waiting to be found. As the sun began to set, the library glowed with a warm, golden light. Pip sighed happily, knowing that another adventure had begun. He loved how verbs gave his stories life, while nouns provided the beautiful world for them to inhabit.

Word bank: Common Noun · Proper Noun · Action Verb · State of Being Verb · Grammar · Sentence Structure

1. Identify two proper nouns mentioned in the first paragraph. (2 marks)

2. Find three action verbs used to describe what Pip does in the passage. (3 marks)

3. Why is Max counting the books in the library? (2 marks)

4. What does the author mean when they say the library 'glowed with a warm, golden light'? (2 marks)

5. Pip believes that 'verbs give his stories life'. Do you agree with this statement? Explain your reasoning using an example from the text or your own experience. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw Pip the caterpillar inside the Great Oak Library, surrounded by towering bookshelves, with Max the monkey nearby counting books on a clipboard.



Extension challenge: Choose one paragraph from the text. Rewrite it by replacing three common nouns with more descriptive ones and changing the verbs to make the actions seem more energetic or dramatic.