

Adventures in the Great Library: Mastering Nouns and Verbs

Learning objective: To identify and use nouns and verbs effectively within sentences to improve descriptive writing.

Read the short story about Pip the caterpillar's visit to the Great Library. Once you have finished, complete the grammar exercises below to show your understanding of word classes.

Pip the caterpillar scurried across the polished floor of the Great Library. High above, the ancient shelves stretched towards the ceiling, packed with dusty books. Pip loved the smell of old parchment and the silence that filled the room. He reached a heavy manuscript and carefully turned a page. A soft light flickered in the corner as Nova the owl glided down from her perch. She whispered a greeting, her eyes wide with curiosity. Together, they began to hunt for a new story, ready to launch their next grand adventure through the power of their imagination.

Word bank: scurried · manuscript · whispered · adventure · imagination · glided · shelves · flickered

1. Identify two common nouns from the first paragraph of the passage. (2 marks)

2. Find and copy two verbs used in the passage that describe how the characters move. (2 marks)

3. Rewrite the sentence: 'Pip scurried across the floor.' Replace the verb 'scurried' with a more exciting synonym and explain why you chose it. (3 marks)

4. In the sentence 'A soft light flickered in the corner', identify the noun and the verb. (2 marks)

5. Write a new sentence about a book using at least one noun and one verb from the word bank. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Pip the caterpillar wearing a tiny pair of glasses, sitting on a giant, ancient book inside the library.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph (3-4 sentences) describing a magical library. Underline all the nouns in blue and circle all the verbs in red.