

Organising Ideas with Pip the Bookworm

Learning objective: To understand how paragraphs are used to organise ideas in a piece of writing.

Read the text carefully and answer the questions below using full sentences.

Pip the bookworm loves collecting words, but he knows that a story needs more than just good vocabulary. To make his stories easy to read, Pip uses paragraphs. A paragraph is a group of sentences that share the same main idea. When Pip writes about his morning routine, he puts all the details about eating his favourite leafy breakfast into one paragraph. When he moves on to talk about his afternoon spent reading under the oak tree, he starts a brand new paragraph. Starting a new paragraph is like turning a corner on a path; it tells the reader that the topic has changed. Without paragraphs, a story would look like one long, messy block of text. By grouping related sentences together, Pip helps his friends follow his adventures clearly. Whether he is writing a poem or a story about the forest, Pip always checks that his paragraphs are tidy. Using paragraphs makes his writing sparkle and ensures his readers never get lost in his tall tales.

Word bank: paragraph · organise · topic · structure · sentence · theme

1. According to the text, what is a paragraph? (2 marks)

2. What does Pip do when he wants to write about a new topic? (2 marks)

3. Why does the author compare starting a new paragraph to 'turning a corner on a path'? (2 marks)

4. How might a reader feel if a story was written without any paragraphs? (2 marks)

5. Do you think using paragraphs is important for a writer? Explain why. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Pip the bookworm sitting under an oak tree. Show him writing in a notebook where he has clearly separated his work into two different paragraphs.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph about your favourite hobby. Then, write a second paragraph about what you had for lunch today. Remember to start a new paragraph for the new topic!