

The Weaver of Whispers

Learning objective: To develop reading comprehension skills by retrieving information, making inferences, and evaluating themes within a narrative text.

Read the text carefully and answer the questions below in full sentences. Use evidence from the text to support your answers.

In the heart of the Great Library, Ellie the elephant moved quietly amongst the towering shelves. She was not merely tidying books; she was a Weaver of Whispers. With her trunk, she carefully pulled a dusty volume from the shelf, its spine creaking like an old floorboard. Ellie believed that every story contained a tiny, invisible spark of magic that kept history alive. She didn't just read the words; she felt the emotions behind them—the triumphant joy of a hero's victory and the gentle melancholy of a sunset over a forgotten kingdom. As she turned a page, a soft, golden light shimmered from the parchment, illuminating the dark corners of the room. Pip the caterpillar crawled onto the desk, watching in wonder as the story seemed to dance in the air. 'Do the stories ever sleep, Ellie?' Pip whispered. Ellie smiled, her memory vast and ancient. 'Stories are like stars, little friend,' she replied. 'They are always there, waiting for someone to look up and notice them.' In the library, silence was never truly empty; it was simply a story waiting to be told.

Word bank: narrative · sequencing · characterisation · atmosphere · perspective

1. Where does Ellie the elephant work, and what is her special role called? (2 marks)

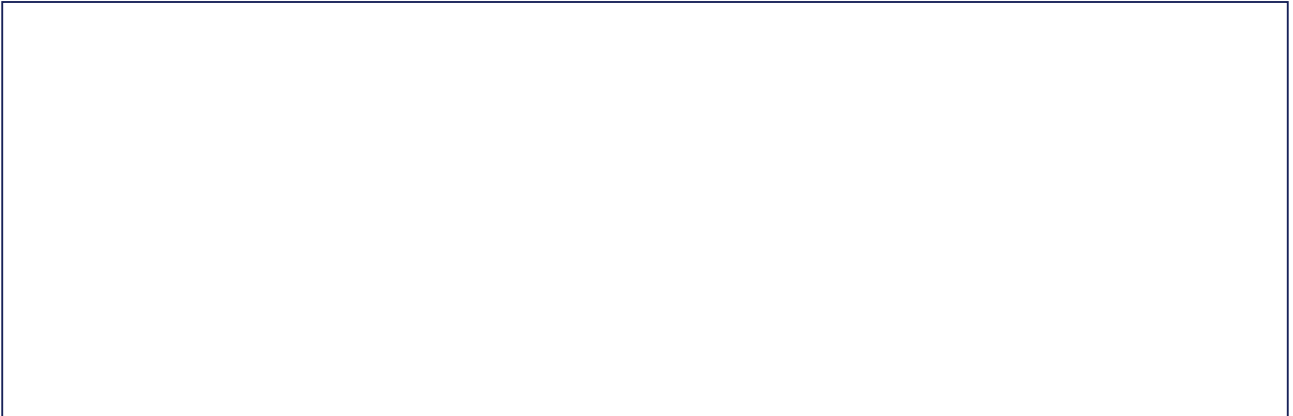
2. What does Pip the caterpillar do when he sees the light coming from the book? (1 mark)

3. Why does the author describe the sound of the book's spine as 'like an old floorboard'? (2 marks)

4. What does Ellie mean when she compares stories to stars? (2 marks)

5. Do you think Ellie enjoys her job? Explain your answer using evidence from the text. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene inside the Great Library showing Ellie the elephant holding a glowing book with Pip the caterpillar watching the magical light patterns dance in the air.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph (50-80 words) describing what kind of story you think is hidden inside the book that Ellie is holding. Use descriptive language to create an atmosphere.