

Year 5 Vocabulary Mastery Assessment

Learning objective: To demonstrate precise vocabulary selection, understanding of synonyms and antonyms, and the ability to enhance writing through adventurous word choices.

Read each question carefully. Use the word bank provided where instructed and ensure your spelling and grammar are accurate. Aim for sophisticated vocabulary to achieve full marks.

Max the monkey sat in the jungle canopy. He looked at the puzzle pieces scattered before him. He felt confused because the pattern was difficult. The rainforest around him was full of life. He spotted a rare, beautiful flower near a lone tree. Despite the stormy weather, the flower remained strong. Max knew he had to solve this to help his friends.

Word bank: formidable · exquisite · menacing · resilient · perplexed · solitary · abundant · vibrant

1. Identify four words from the passage that could be improved by selecting more precise vocabulary from the word bank. Rewrite the sentences using your chosen words. (4 marks)

2. Define the word 'resilient' in the context of the passage. Explain why this is a more effective adjective than 'strong' for describing the flower. (3 marks)

3. Find a synonym and an antonym for the word 'abundant'. Use each word in a complex sentence relating to Pip the caterpillar's collection of words. (4 marks)

4. Explain why an author might choose the word 'formidable' instead of 'big' when describing a challenge. How does this word change the reader's perception of the situation? (4 marks)

5. Choose one of the BookFlik characters (e.g., Nova, Zara, or Kit). Write a short paragraph (4-6 sentences) describing them embarking on a quest. You must include at least three words from the word bank and ensure your vocabulary is descriptive and ambitious. (5 marks)

6. Justify why precision in vocabulary is essential for a writer who wants to create a specific 'mood' or 'atmosphere' for their reader. (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene featuring Max the monkey solving his puzzle, incorporating one 'vibrant' element and one 'formidable' element from the jungle.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Extension: Imagine you are writing a persuasive speech to convince others to use more varied vocabulary. Create a list of five 'forbidden' boring words (e.g., 'good', 'nice') and provide three sophisticated alternatives for each to help expand your classmates' word banks.