

Pip's Magnificent Word Collection

Learning objective: To develop vocabulary and inference skills through reading comprehension.

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

Pip the caterpillar is not your average garden dweller; he is a dedicated collector of magnificent words. While other insects spend their days searching for leaves, Pip spends his time scouring the pages of ancient, dusty books. He carries a small, leather-bound notebook where he meticulously records every new discovery. Pip categorises his collection by mood: 'boisterous' words for happy days, and 'tranquil' words for when the forest is quiet. Recently, Pip found a vibrant new word: 'effervescent'. He loves how it bubbles off the tongue like a fizzy drink. He often shares his findings with his friend Nova, the owl, who helps him understand how to use these words in scientific reports. Pip believes that language is like a paintbrush; with the right choice of words, you can create a masterpiece in the mind of the listener. He hopes that by building a vast vocabulary, he can one day write a poem that captures the exact feeling of a sunrise. For Pip, a word is never just a word—it is a tiny, powerful treasure waiting to be used.

Word bank: magnificent · vocabulary · meticulously · vibrant · synonym · persuade

1. Where does Pip record the new words that he discovers? (1 mark)

2. How does Pip categorise his collection of words? (1 mark)

3. Why does Pip choose to share his new words with Nova the owl? (2 marks)

4. What does the author mean by the phrase 'language is like a paintbrush'? (2 marks)

5. Do you agree with Pip that words are 'powerful treasures'? Justify your answer using evidence from the text or your own experience. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw Pip the caterpillar sitting on a leaf, holding his leather-bound notebook and a tiny quill, surrounded by bubbles containing his favourite words.



Extension challenge: Choose three 'boisterous' adjectives and three 'tranquil' adjectives. Write a short paragraph describing a busy marketplace using only your chosen words to set the scene.