

Year 5 English Assessment: The Magic of World Book Day

Learning objective: To demonstrate comprehension, inference, and creative writing skills through the theme of World Book Day.

Read the text carefully and answer all questions in full sentences. Ensure your spelling and punctuation are accurate.

In the heart of the Great Library, Pip the caterpillar spent World Book Day curating a display of rare stories. 'Every book is a portal,' Pip remarked, adjusting his spectacles. Beside him, Max the monkey was busy calculating the average number of pages in the library's collection, while Ellie the elephant used her remarkable memory to recite opening lines from classic tales. The air was thick with the scent of old paper and the buzz of excitement. Pupils from the nearby village arrived carrying handmade bookmarks, eager to trade stories and discover new worlds. For these friends, the day was not just about costumes; it was about the profound power of language to build bridges between different minds.

Word bank: narrative · perspective · vocabulary · metaphor · captivating · imagination · enthusiastic · literary

1. Identify two characters mentioned in the passage and explain what each character is doing to celebrate World Book Day. (2 marks)

2. What does the author mean by the phrase 'Every book is a portal'? Explain this metaphor in your own words. (2 marks)

3. Find and copy one adjective from the text that describes the atmosphere in the library. Why is this an effective choice of word? (2 marks)

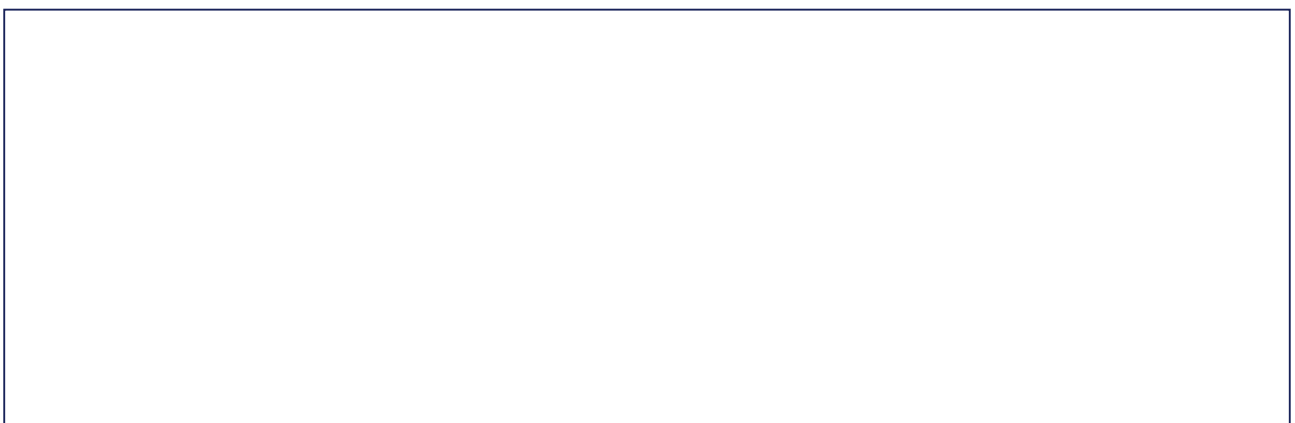
4. Compare how Pip and Max experience World Book Day. How do their individual interests influence their activities? (3 marks)

5. The passage states the day is 'not just about costumes'. Justify why the characters believe reading and storytelling are more important than what they wear. (3 marks)

6. Imagine a new character joins Pip and his friends. Describe who they are and how they might contribute to the World Book Day celebrations. (5 marks)

7. Write a short persuasive paragraph (4-6 sentences) encouraging a reluctant reader to visit the library and choose a book. Include at least one rhetorical question. (8 marks)

Draw: Draw a scene showing Pip, Max, and Ellie inside the Great Library. Include at least three details from the passage in your illustration.



Extension challenge: What might happen if all the words in the books suddenly disappeared? Write a short, descriptive paragraph explaining the impact this would have on the characters' world. Total: /25