

A Celebration of Stories with Pip

Learning objective: To retrieve and infer information from a text, and to provide reasoned justifications for personal opinions.

Read the passage below carefully. Answer the questions in full sentences, ensuring you refer back to the text to support your ideas.

At the heart of the Great Oak Library, Pip the caterpillar is busy preparing for the most anticipated day of the year: World Book Day. Pip believes that books are not merely paper and ink, but portals to undiscovered realms. This year, Pip has curated a special exhibition featuring tales from across the globe. By meticulously arranging shelves according to genre—from high-stakes adventure to poignant historical accounts—Pip hopes to ignite a passion for reading in every visitor. 'A book is a companion that never leaves your side,' Pip chirps, adjusting a tiny pair of spectacles. The library is transformed with colourful bunting, each flag displaying a word Pip has collected throughout the year. For Pip, the true magic lies in watching a young reader's eyes widen as they encounter a captivating new narrative for the first time. Whether it is a journey through a dense, mystical forest or a voyage across uncharted seas, Pip knows that the simple act of turning a page can alter one's perspective on the entire world. This World Book Day, the library remains a sanctuary for curious minds and bold dreamers alike.

Word bank: literary · imagination · narrative · enchanted · vocabulary · meticulously

1. Identify two ways in which Pip has prepared the Great Oak Library for World Book Day. (2 marks) (2 marks)

2. According to the text, how does Pip organise the books on the shelves? (1 mark) (1 mark)

3. Why might Pip choose to display words on the bunting flags throughout the library? (2 marks) (2 marks)

4. What does the author mean by the phrase 'books are not merely paper and ink, but portals to undiscovered realms'? (2 marks) (2 marks)

5. Do you agree with Pip's statement that 'a book is a companion that never leaves your side'? Justify your answer using examples from your own reading experiences. (3 marks) (3 marks)

Draw: Illustrate Pip the caterpillar inside the Great Oak Library. Include the colourful bunting with words on the flags and one of the 'portals' (a book) opening to reveal a fantastical landscape.



Extension challenge: Greater Depth Challenge: 1. Explain why the author chose to describe the library as a 'sanctuary'. 2. Compare and contrast the way Pip views books with how a non-reader might view them. 3. If you were organising a World Book Day event, which genre would you choose to highlight and why? 4. Justify the importance of libraries in a digital age. 5. What might happen if books lost their power to influence a reader's perspective? 6. Compose a short poem in the style of Leo the lion about the feeling of opening a brand new book.