Creating Amazing Characters: Describing Pip the Caterpillar

Learning objective: To use adjectives and expanded noun phrases to describe a character's appearance and personality.

Read the prompts below carefully. Use your imagination and the word bank to help you write descriptive sentences about Pip the bookworm caterpillar.

Pip is a cheerful bookworm caterpillar who loves reading and collecting words. He has a soft, green body and loves to spend his days sitting on top of his favourite open books.

Word bank: emerald · spectacles · studious · velvety · enthusiastic · curled · vibrant · gentle · tiny · thoughtful

1. Find two adjectives in the word bank that could describe how Pip looks. Write a sentence using both of them to describe his body. (2 marks)

2. Pip loves reading books. Write an expanded noun phrase to describe the book he is holding (e.g., 'the dusty, ancient book'). (2 marks)

3. How would you describe Pip's personality? Use a word from the word bank and explain why you chose it. (2 marks)

4. Imagine Pip is wearing an accessory, like a hat or his spectacles. Write a sentence describing what it looks like. (2 marks)

5. Change this simple sentence into an expanded noun phrase: 'Pip has feet.' (Hint: Add two adjectives to describe his feet). (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Pip the caterpillar curled up on a giant stack of books. Make sure to show the spectacles he uses for reading!

Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph (3-4 sentences) describing what Pip might do if he found a new, mysterious book in the library. Use at least two adjectives and one adverb.