

Adjective Adventures with Pip

Learning objective: To identify and use a range of powerful adjectives to improve descriptive writing.

Read the story about Pip the caterpillar's garden adventure. Underline the adjectives used to describe the nouns. Then, answer the questions to show how you can use adjectives to make your own writing more exciting!

Pip the caterpillar crawled onto a vibrant, emerald leaf. Above him, the dazzling sun warmed the garden. He spotted an enormous, juicy strawberry sitting near a fragile, white flower. Pip took a small bite of the delicious fruit and watched a shimmering dragonfly zip past. It was a perfect, sunny day for a tiny bookworm.

Word bank: vibrant · dazzling · enormous · fragile · shimmering · delicious · emerald · gentle

1. Find two adjectives in the passage that describe the leaf. Why do you think the author chose these words instead of just saying 'green'? (2 marks)

2. Pip finds an 'enormous' strawberry. Can you think of two other adjectives that could describe a strawberry, and write them in a sentence? (2 marks)

3. Choose one noun from the passage (e.g., flower, sun, dragonfly) and add two new, interesting adjectives to describe it. (2 marks)

4. If Pip were in a dark, spooky forest instead of a sunny garden, how would the adjectives change? Give one example. (2 marks)

5. What is an adjective? Explain it in your own words. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw Pip the caterpillar sitting on your favourite plant. Label your drawing using at least four powerful adjectives to describe the scene.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph (3-4 sentences) describing a magical treasure chest you found in the woods. Try to use at least one adjective for every noun you use!