

Adventures in Adjectives with Pip the Bookworm

Learning objective: To identify and use a wide range of adjectives to add detail and description to writing.

Read the story about Pip's library adventure. Then, complete the questions below to show how well you understand how adjectives describe nouns.

Pip the caterpillar crawled slowly across the wooden floor of the library. He was looking for a new book to read. He climbed up an enormous stack of dusty encyclopaedias. At the very top, he found a mysterious, leather-bound journal. The pages inside were filled with vibrant illustrations of blooming flowers. Pip took a deep breath; the book had a fragrant scent of old paper and dried lavender. He felt a delicate shiver of excitement as he opened the cover.

Word bank: enormous · sparkling · ancient · vibrant · fragrant · delicate · mysterious

1. Find and copy three adjectives from the passage that describe the books or the pages. (3 marks)

2. Why do you think the author chose the adjective 'enormous' to describe the stack of encyclopaedias? What does this tell us about Pip? (2 marks)

3. Choose one adjective from the word bank and write a new sentence about an object you might find in a library. (2 marks)

4. Change the adjective in this sentence to its opposite (antonym): 'The library was very quiet.' (1 mark)

5. Rewrite this sentence adding two adjectives to make it more descriptive: 'Pip sat on a chair.' (2 marks)

Draw: Draw the 'mysterious' book that Pip found. Make sure to draw the 'vibrant' flowers on the cover and label your drawing with at least three adjectives.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph describing a secret garden. Try to use at least five different adjectives to describe the colours, smells, and textures you might find there.