

## Reviewing a Great Read with Pip

*Learning objective: To write a clear and balanced book review using appropriate vocabulary and structure.*

Read the book review below written by Pip the caterpillar. Then, answer the questions to show your understanding of how to structure your own review. Finally, use the drawing prompt to illustrate your favourite scene from a book you have enjoyed.

I have just finished reading 'The Moonlit Forest' by S. P. Willow. The story follows a brave squirrel named Nutmeg who goes on a quest to find the Golden Acorn. The plot is very exciting and full of unexpected twists. My favourite character is Barnaby the Badger because he is incredibly wise and kind. I think the author uses wonderful, descriptive language to describe the forest at night. I would recommend this book to anyone who loves mystery and adventure stories. It is definitely a five-star read!

*Word bank: opinion · recommendation · plot · character · adjective · summary · engaging*

**1. Identify one adjective Pip uses to describe the character of Barnaby the Badger. (1 mark)**

**2. What is the main goal of the main character, Nutmeg, in this story? (2 marks)**

**3. Why does Pip recommend this book to other readers? (2 marks)**

**4. If you were writing a review, why is it important to include your own opinion? (3 marks)**

**5. Find a word in the passage that means the same as 'a plan or sequence of events in a story'. (1 mark)**

**Draw:** Draw a large, open book in the centre of the page. Inside the pages, draw your favourite scene from a book you have read recently. Around the outside of the book, draw Pip the caterpillar peeking over the edge, wearing a tiny pair of reading glasses.



*Extension challenge: Write a short 'blurb' for your favourite book in no more than 50 words, making sure to include a 'hook' sentence to make other children want to read it.*