

# A Snowy Surprise at the Library

*Learning objective: To use descriptive language and sensory details to plan a narrative setting for a Christmas story.*

Read the passage about Pip the caterpillar's festive library. Use the space provided to draw what you imagine this scene looks like, focusing on the details mentioned in the text. Then, answer the questions below to develop your story ideas.

Pip the caterpillar was busy preparing the library for Christmas. Outside, the snow fell in soft, white blankets, covering the garden in silence. Inside, the library was warm and inviting. Pip had hung strings of shimmering silver stars from the high bookshelves. In the corner, a magnificent tree reached towards the ceiling, decorated with glowing baubles that cast colourful patterns on the floor. A tiny, cosy reading nook had been made out of soft cushions, tucked away where the smell of pine needles filled the air. Pip sat on a pile of books, waiting for his friends to arrive for their annual winter story-telling evening.

*Word bank: festive · enchanted · shimmering · cosy · twinkling · magnificent · glowing · decorations*

**1. Identify two adjectives the author uses to describe the library. Explain how these words help the reader feel the atmosphere. (2 marks)**

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**2. What does the phrase 'the snow fell in soft, white blankets' tell us about the weather outside? (2 marks)**

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**3. Why do you think Pip wanted to create a 'cosy reading nook' for his friends? (2 marks)**

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**4. If you were visiting Pip, what 'festive' snack would you bring to share with your friends? (1 mark)**

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5. Which sensory details (sight, sound, smell, touch) are used in the text to describe the room? (2 marks)

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**Draw:** Draw Pip's library. Include the magnificent Christmas tree, the shimmering silver stars hanging from the bookshelves, and the cosy cushion nook. Add one extra detail of your own that makes the room feel magical.



*Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph describing what happens when the other characters arrive at the library. Use at least three words from the word bank to make your writing more descriptive.*