

## A Snowy Surprise at the BookFlik Library

*Learning objective: To retrieve information from a text and make inferences about character motivations in a narrative setting.*

Read the story below carefully. Answer the questions using full sentences. Use evidence from the text to support your ideas.

The Great Oak Library was unusually quiet until a soft rustle came from the back shelf. Pip the caterpillar was busy wrapping tiny gifts in shimmering silver foil. Suddenly, Nova the owl swooped down from the rafters, her feathers dusted with snowflakes. 'Pip!' she hooted softly. 'I have spotted a family of squirrels in the garden who have no decorations for their hollow.' Pip smiled, his many legs twitching with excitement. He had been saving his collection of pinecones and shiny pebbles for weeks. Together, the two friends decided to create a festive hamper. They packed it with warm moss, dried berries, and a hand-written poem by Leo the lion. As they left the library, the world outside was covered in a thick, white blanket of snow, and the street lamps were glowing like golden orbs in the chilly air.

*Word bank: festive · generosity · atmosphere · cosy · twinkling · commotion*

**1. Where is the story set and what clues tell you it is cold outside? (2 marks)**

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**2. Why did Pip and Nova decide to make a hamper for the squirrels? (2 marks)**

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**3. Find and copy one word from the text that describes the appearance of the gift wrap. (1 mark)**

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**4. What does the phrase 'the world outside was covered in a thick, white blanket of snow' tell us about the weather? (2 marks)**

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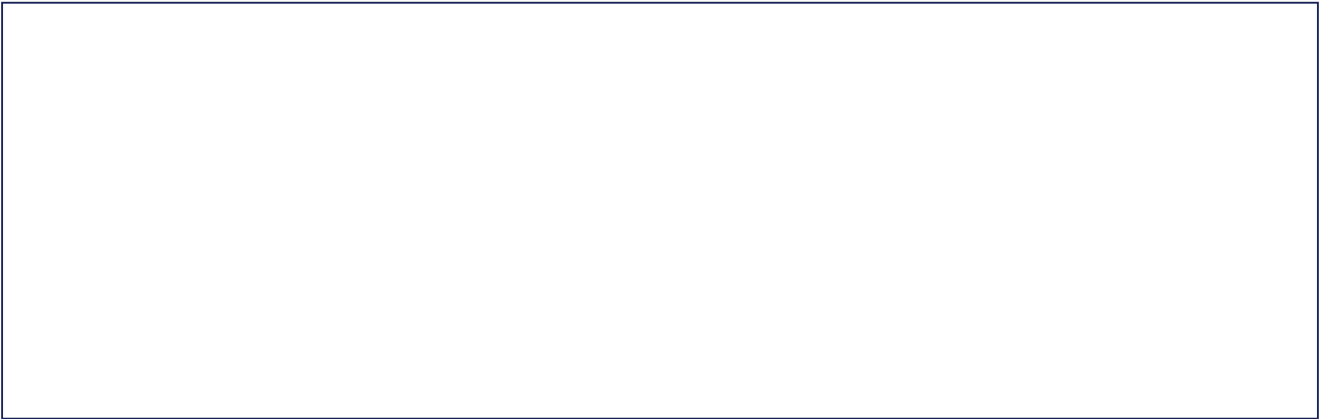
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**5. If you were a character in this story, what item would you add to the hamper to make it extra special? (2 marks)**

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**Draw:** Draw a picture of the gift hamper Pip and Nova created. Make sure you include the items mentioned in the story and add one extra creative detail.



*Extension challenge: Write a short diary entry from the perspective of one of the squirrels when they find the hamper on their doorstep the next morning.*