

# Creative Writing Adventure with Pip and Zara

*Learning objective: To use descriptive language, expanded noun phrases, and varied sentence structures to enhance creative writing.*

Read the short passage about Pip and Zara's secret garden, then answer the questions below. Use the word bank to help you add detail to your sentences.

Pip the caterpillar and Zara the zebra stood at the edge of the hidden meadow. The sun was setting, casting long shadows across the grass. Zara looked at the flowers, which were bright and colourful, and Pip started to read a story aloud. The wind blew through the trees, making a quiet sound. It was a perfect place for an adventure.

*Word bank: shimmering · enormous · vibrant · whispering · dazzling · gentle · emerald · mysterious*

**1. Find two adjectives in the passage that describe the meadow or the flowers. Can you replace them with more exciting adjectives from the word bank? (2 marks)**

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**2. Rewrite the sentence 'The wind blew through the trees, making a quiet sound' by adding an expanded noun phrase and a more descriptive verb. (2 marks)**

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**3. Why do you think the author chose to describe the shadows as 'long'? What feeling does this give the reader? (2 marks)**

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**4. Write a sentence describing what Pip and Zara might see in this 'hidden meadow' using at least one word from the word bank. (2 marks)**

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**5. Change the sentence 'Zara looked at the flowers' into a more descriptive sentence by adding information about how she looked at them and what they looked like. (2 marks)**

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**Draw:** Draw the hidden meadow as if you are standing next to Pip and Zara. Make sure to include at least three things described using the adjectives from your word bank.



*Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph (3-4 sentences) explaining what happens next in the story. Try to use a fronted adverbial to start one of your sentences, for example: 'Suddenly...!', 'Without warning...!', or 'Under the golden sun...!'*