

Figurative Language Adventure with Pip

Learning objective: To identify and explain the use of similes, metaphors, and personification in descriptive writing.

Read the short story about Pip the caterpillar's garden journey. Use your knowledge of figurative language to answer the questions below. Remember to explain your reasons clearly.

Pip the caterpillar crawled onto a leaf that was as green as a lime. The morning sun was a golden coin shining in the sky. As the wind began to whisper secrets through the grass, Pip felt brave. He moved like a tiny explorer on a grand mission. The dew drops on the petals were sparkling diamonds, turning the garden into a magical kingdom.

Word bank: Simile · Metaphor · Personification · Adjective · Comparison

1. Find the simile in the first sentence. What two things are being compared? (2 marks)

2. Identify the metaphor in the second sentence. Why has the author chosen to describe the sun as a 'golden coin'? (2 marks)

3. Which phrase in the text uses personification? Explain how we know it is personification. (2 marks)

4. Find another simile in the passage. What does it tell us about how Pip is moving? (2 marks)

5. Look at the phrase 'the dew drops on the petals were sparkling diamonds'. Is this a simile or a metaphor? How can you tell? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Pip the caterpillar in the garden. In your drawing, include one visual representation of a metaphor from the story (like the golden coin sun or the diamond dew drops).



Extension challenge: Write two sentences of your own describing a stormy night. Include one metaphor to describe the rain and one example of personification to describe the wind.