

Detective Pip's Clue-Hunting Adventure

Learning objective: To develop skills in making inferences by reading between the lines to understand a character's feelings and actions.

Read the story about Pip the caterpillar below. Use your detective skills to answer the questions. After you have finished, use the drawing prompt to show what you have inferred about the setting.

Pip the caterpillar sat on a large, vibrant green leaf. He held his favourite magnifying glass in one hand and a tiny notebook in the other. He kept looking up at the sky, checking the position of the sun every few minutes. Suddenly, he let out a long sigh, folded his notebook, and tucked it into his small satchel. He crawled slowly towards the shade of a large oak tree, his shoulders slumped as he moved. He didn't pick up a single new word to add to his collection all afternoon.

Word bank: evidence · clue · inference · characterisation · emotion · setting

1. How is Pip feeling in this story? Use evidence from the text to support your answer. (2 marks)

2. What was Pip originally hoping to find or do today? How do you know? (2 marks)

3. Why did Pip move to the shade of the oak tree? (2 marks)

4. What does the phrase 'his shoulders slumped' suggest about Pip's mood? (2 marks)

5. If Pip were a human, what might his job or hobby be based on his actions? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw the scene described in the passage. Make sure to include the large oak tree, Pip's satchel, and the bright sun to show why Pip felt the need to move into the shade.



Extension challenge: Write a short diary entry from Pip's perspective explaining why he was disappointed that he didn't collect any new words today.