

Mastering Paragraphs with Pip the Bookworm

Learning objective: To understand how to organise paragraphs around a theme and use fronted adverbials to link ideas.

Read the story passage below. Pip the Bookworm has organised his story into three distinct paragraphs. Answer the questions to show you understand why he started new paragraphs and how he uses them to structure his writing.

Deep in the heart of the Whispering Woods, Pip the Bookworm sat on a giant oak leaf. He was busy reading his favourite book about ancient forests. The sun shone brightly through the canopy, casting golden patterns on his colourful collection of words. He felt perfectly happy in his quiet, leafy home.

Suddenly, a gust of wind blew a mysterious letter onto his lap. Pip gasped in surprise as he unfolded the dusty paper. It contained a riddle about a hidden library located near the Silver Stream. His heart raced with excitement as he realised this was the start of a brand-new adventure.

Without wasting a single moment, Pip packed his tiny satchel. He grabbed his magnifying glass and his notebook, ready to track down the secret location. He knew the journey would be long, but for a bookworm like Pip, the treasure of a new story was worth every step.

Word bank: Paragraph · Theme · Fronted adverbial · Transition · Cohesion · Structure

1. Why did Pip start a new paragraph after the first paragraph? (2 marks)

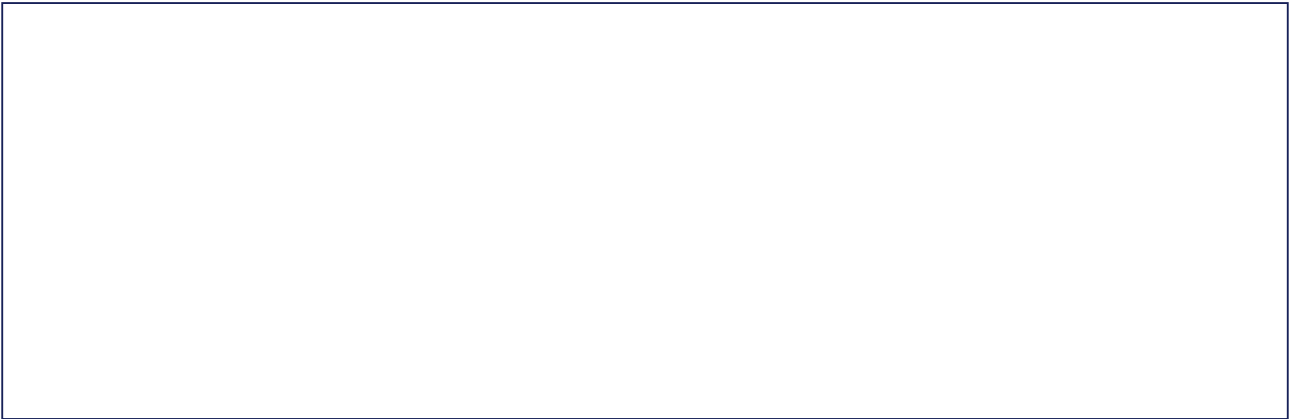
2. Identify one fronted adverbial used in the second paragraph that helps the reader understand when something is happening. (1 mark)

3. What is the main theme of the third paragraph? (2 marks)

4. If Pip were to find a map in the next part of his journey, would you start a new paragraph to describe it? Explain your reasoning. (2 marks)

5. How does using paragraphs make this story easier for the reader to understand? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Pip the Bookworm packing his satchel for his adventure, showing the items mentioned in the final paragraph.



Extension challenge: Write a fourth paragraph for Pip's story. Remember to introduce a new action or setting and ensure it flows logically from the third paragraph.