

Pip's Phonic Forest Adventure

Learning objective: To identify and spell words containing the 'sh' and 'ch' digraphs accurately within a creative context.

Read the short story about Pip the caterpillar. Colour in the hidden words that contain the 'ch' or 'sh' digraphs as you find them in the text. Then, answer the questions below to test your understanding.

Pip the caterpillar crawled onto a sturdy branch. The morning sun made the dew on the leaves shimmer like tiny diamonds. Pip felt hungry and decided to munch on a fresh, juicy cherry. 'What a lovely day,' he said with a happy chatter. Below him, he spotted a small snail hiding inside its spiral shell. As the sun climbed higher, Pip noticed his own long shadow stretching across the bark. He took a loud crunch of his snack and prepared to read his favourite book.

Word bank: chatter · shimmer · branch · fresh · cherry · shell · shadow · crunch

1. List two words from the story that contain the 'ch' digraph. (2 marks)

2. Find and write down the word from the story that means 'to make a soft, bright, wavering light'. (1 mark)

3. Why did Pip feel happy in the story? Use evidence from the text to explain. (2 marks)

4. If Pip bought a cherry for 20p and a leaf for 15p, how much did he spend in total? Write your answer in pounds and pence. (2 marks)

5. Can you think of another word containing the 'sh' sound that is not in the story? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a scene of Pip the caterpillar sitting on a tree branch reading a book. Make sure to draw a shiny shell on the ground nearby and a bright sun in the sky.



Extension challenge: Choose two of the words from the word bank and write a new, exciting sentence for each one. Try to use an adjective in every sentence!