

A Day at the Starlight Library with Nova

Learning objective: To develop reading comprehension skills by identifying key details, making inferences, and explaining vocabulary in context.

Read the story below carefully, then answer the questions that follow. Use full sentences where appropriate.

Nova the barn owl sat perched high on a wooden beam inside the Starlight Library. Unlike other libraries, this one was filled with scrolls that shimmered like moonlight. Nova loved to spend her evenings looking through her brass telescope, counting the twinkling stars that appeared in the night sky. Tonight, she was reading an ancient book about the history of space. As she turned the heavy, leather-bound pages, she found a map of a secret constellation that looked exactly like a giant acorn. 'How fascinating!' Nova hooted softly to herself. She carefully noted the coordinates in her notebook so she could find it later. Outside, the wind rustled the leaves of the oak trees, but inside, the library was silent and peaceful. Nova felt lucky to be surrounded by so much knowledge, ready to learn something new before the sun rose.

Word bank: constellation · telescope · ancient · astronomy · glowing

1. Where does Nova usually sit while she is inside the Starlight Library? (1 mark)

2. Why is the Starlight Library different from other libraries mentioned in the text? (2 marks)

3. What did the secret constellation look like, and what did Nova do after she found it? (2 marks)

4. Find and copy one word from the text that tells us the book was very old. (1 mark)

5. Nova feels 'lucky to be surrounded by so much knowledge'. Why do you think she enjoys learning so much? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw the constellation that Nova discovered in her book. Make sure it looks like an acorn!



Extension challenge: Imagine you have a magical library of your own. Write three sentences describing what your library looks like and what special books or items you keep inside.