

An Afternoon at the Woodland Library

Learning objective: To retrieve and infer information from a narrative text to develop reading comprehension skills.

Read the story about Pip and Nova below, then answer the questions that follow in full sentences.

The afternoon sun filtered through the canopy of the Great Oak, casting dappled shadows on the mossy floor. Pip the caterpillar scurried along a sturdy branch, carrying a tiny satchel filled with new words he had collected during the day. He arrived at the hollow trunk of the Woodland Library just as Nova the owl was waking up. Nova blinked her large, amber eyes and stretched her wings. 'What have you found today, Pip?' she asked, her voice soft like rustling leaves. Pip pulled out a slip of paper with the word 'luminous' written on it. Nova smiled, her feathers glowing in the dim light of the hollow. 'That is a brilliant word for describing the stars,' Nova remarked. Together, the two friends spent the rest of the afternoon tucked away in the library, surrounded by shelves made of woven twigs, reading stories and planning their next stargazing adventure.

Word bank: scurried · tucked · glowing · rustled · ancient · discovery

1. Where does Pip store the new words he collects? (1 mark)

2. What does the word 'luminous' mean in the context of the story, and why does Nova like it? (2 marks)

3. Find and copy two adjectives the author uses to describe the library or the setting. (2 marks)

4. How can you tell that Pip and Nova have a good friendship? Use evidence from the text to support your answer. (3 marks)

5. What do you think the 'Woodland Library' might look like on the inside, based on the description of the shelves? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of the Woodland Library. Remember to include the shelves made of woven twigs and the glowing light mentioned in the story.



Extension challenge: Write a short diary entry from Pip's perspective, explaining what he might want to go and look for in the forest tomorrow to collect more interesting words.