

Exploring the Enchanted Library with Pip

Learning objective: To develop reading comprehension skills by identifying key details, making inferences, and exploring word meanings.

Read the passage about Pip the bookworm carefully. Use the word bank to help you understand the descriptive vocabulary. Answer the questions in full sentences.

Pip the caterpillar was not like the other insects in the garden. While his friends were busy munching on crunchy leaves, Pip was perched on a mossy stone, buried deep within a weathered book. His tiny spectacles slid down his nose as he read about brave explorers in the Arctic. The library was hidden inside a hollow oak tree, smelling faintly of old paper and pine needles. Today, Pip was searching for a story about a hidden treasure map. He scanned the rows of books, his little heart fluttering with excitement. 'I wonder,' Pip whispered to himself, 'if the map leads to the golden flower at the edge of the woods.' He pulled a dusty, blue-covered book from the shelf, hoping it would hold the secrets he sought. He knew that reading was the greatest adventure of all.

Word bank: narrative · inference · vivid · climax · protagonist · skimming · scanning · evidence · summarise · predict

1. Where does Pip prefer to spend his time, and what does he do there? (2 marks)

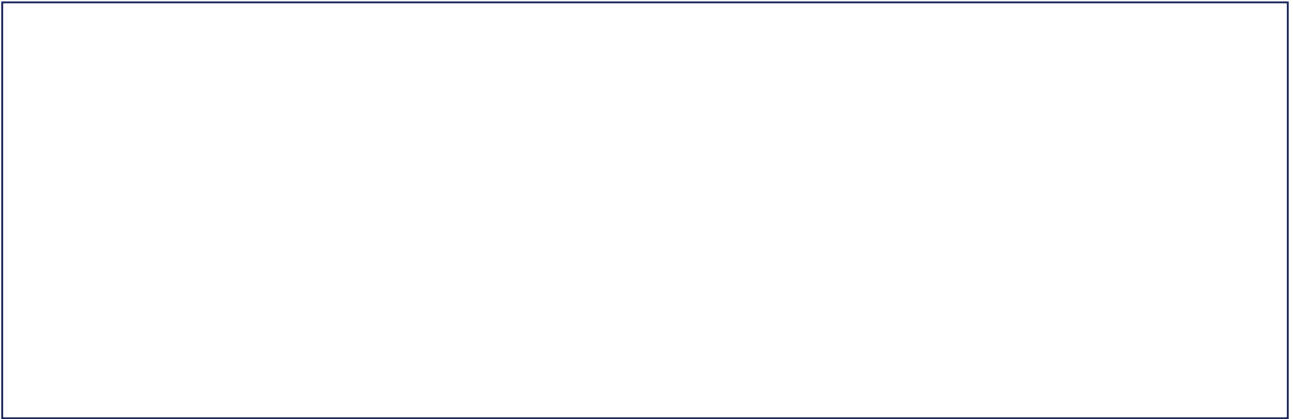
2. What does the description of the library (the smell of old paper and pine needles) tell you about the setting? (2 marks)

3. Why does Pip have 'tiny spectacles' on his nose? (1 mark)

4. Find and copy one phrase from the text that describes how Pip feels when he is looking for the book. (1 mark)

5. Based on the text, why do you think Pip likes reading more than eating leaves? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of the inside of Pip's library inside the hollow oak tree. Include the dusty books and the mossy stone where Pip sits.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph predicting what Pip might find when he opens the blue-covered book. Use at least two words from the word bank in your answer.