

Exploring Adventure Tales: A Reading Challenge

Learning objective: To demonstrate understanding of narrative structure, character motivation, and descriptive language in a short story.

Read the story of Pip the caterpillar's big journey below, then answer the questions that follow in full sentences.

Pip the caterpillar lived on the highest branch of the Great Oak. While his friends were content munching on leaves, Pip had a secret dream: he wanted to see the Crystal Stream at the bottom of the hill. It was a long way for someone so small. With his tiny backpack packed with a spare leaf and a shiny pebble, Pip began his descent. The journey was not easy. He had to dodge a busy beetle and navigate a maze of tall, tickly grass. His legs grew tired, and the wind began to howl. Just as he felt like giving up, he spotted a vibrant butterfly gliding overhead. 'Keep going!' the butterfly seemed to whisper. Pip pushed forward with renewed determination. Finally, as the sun began to set, he reached the edge of the water. The stream shimmered like liquid silver. Pip smiled; he had finally found his destination.

Word bank: daring · determination · vibrant · fragile · destination · courageous

1. What is Pip's main goal at the beginning of the story, and what does he pack in his backpack? (2 marks)

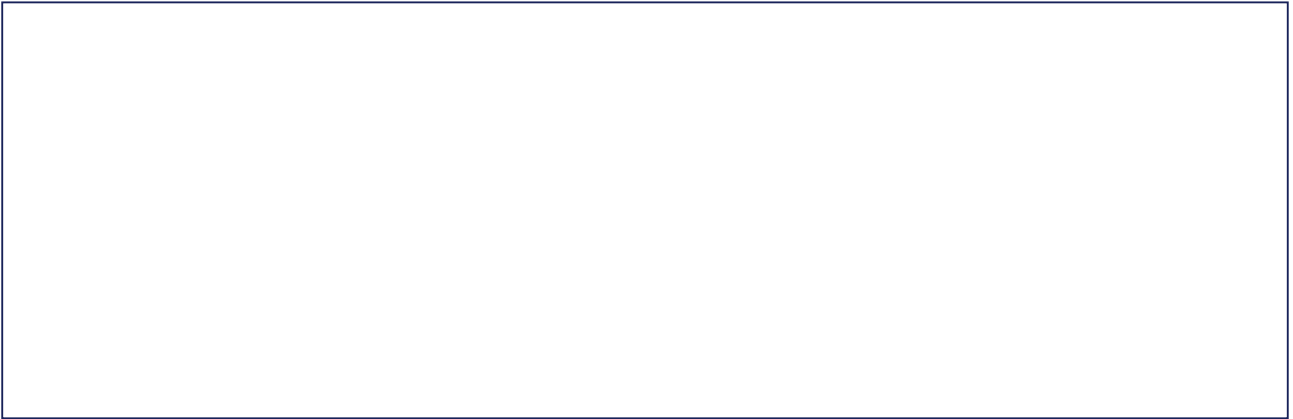
2. Identify two obstacles that Pip faces during his journey down the hill. (2 marks)

3. Why do you think Pip feels like giving up, and what event helps him to continue? (2 marks)

4. Find and copy an adjective from the text that describes the butterfly. Why is this a good word choice? (2 marks)

5. How does the author show us that Pip feels successful at the end of the story? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Pip the caterpillar standing by the Crystal Stream. Make sure to include the vibrant colours of the sunset reflecting on the water.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph explaining what you think Pip might do next. Will he climb back up the tree, or start a new adventure? Use at least two words from the word bank in your response.