

The Forest Library Mystery

Learning objective: To develop reading comprehension skills by identifying key plot points, character motivations, and descriptive language in a narrative text.

Read the story of Pip the caterpillar carefully, then answer the questions below using full sentences. Make sure to refer back to the text to support your ideas.

Deep within the Whispering Woods, Pip the caterpillar spent his days collecting the most beautiful words he could find. He kept them safe in a tiny pouch made from a folded leaf. One sunny morning, Pip noticed something strange near the ancient oak tree. A shimmering blue feather lay on the moss, and beside it, a small, silver key had been left behind. Pip felt a flutter of excitement. He knew that stories were everywhere if you just looked closely enough. He followed a trail of silver dust that led him to a hidden hollow inside the trunk of the oak. Inside, he found a miniature library filled with books no bigger than a postage stamp. The pages were blank, waiting for someone to fill them with brand new adventures. Pip smiled, picked up his favourite fountain pen, and began to write his very first story about a brave caterpillar who discovered a secret world.

Word bank: adventure · thicket · shimmering · curious · discovery · whispered

1. Where does Pip store the words he collects, and what does this tell us about his personality? (2 marks)

2. What two clues did Pip find near the ancient oak tree that suggested a mystery was unfolding? (2 marks)

3. Why do you think the books in the hidden library had blank pages? (2 marks)

4. Find and copy one adjective from the text that describes the blue feather. (1 mark)

5. How does Pip feel at the end of the story? Use evidence from the text to explain your answer. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw your own version of the hidden library inside the oak tree. What do the tiny books look like on the shelves, and what other items might be in the room?



Extension challenge: Imagine you are the author of a book in Pip's library. Write a short paragraph (3-5 sentences) about the next adventure Pip goes on using at least three words from the word bank.