

# Story Structure with Pip the Bookworm

*Learning objective: To identify and describe the structural elements of a narrative, including the opening, build-up, problem, resolution, and ending.*

Read the story passage below. Use the information to answer the questions. Remember to use full sentences and check your spelling and punctuation.

Pip the caterpillar crawled onto a bright red leaf. He was searching for the perfect word to finish his collection. Suddenly, he noticed his favourite book, 'The Forest Map', had slipped off the branch and landed in a deep, muddy puddle below. Pip's heart sank; the pages were getting damp! He wiggled his body quickly, spinning a strong thread of silk to lower himself down. He grabbed the book just before the ink began to smudge. Safe on a dry stone, Pip carefully dried each page in the warm sunlight. He felt proud that his book was saved and curled up to read his favourite chapter under the shade of a fern.

*Word bank: Opening · Build-up · Problem · Resolution · Ending · Narrative · Character*

**1. Identify the 'problem' in this story. Why was Pip worried? (2 marks)**

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**2. How did Pip solve his problem? Explain his actions using evidence from the text. (2 marks)**

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**3. What is the 'opening' of this story? Where does it take place? (1 mark)**

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**4. Look at the 'resolution'. How do we know that Pip is happy at the end? (2 marks)**

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**5. If you were writing a sequel, what new problem might Pip face while exploring the forest? (2 marks)**

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**Draw:** Draw a picture of Pip the caterpillar using his silk thread to save his book from the puddle.



*Extension challenge: Choose one of the characters from the BookFlik group and write a short paragraph (3-5 sentences) describing the 'opening' of a new story featuring them.*