

# Pip's Magnificent Word Garden

*Learning objective: To identify and use ambitious vocabulary (adjectives and verbs) to improve descriptive writing.*

Read the passage about Pip's garden. Use the word bank to help you identify the best synonyms to replace the simple words in the passage. Once you have finished, colour in the scene of Pip reading amongst the giant flowers.

Pip the caterpillar sat in his small garden. The flowers were bright and looked very big. It was a quiet place to read. A beetle ran across a leaf that had shiny dew on it. Pip felt that his garden was a great place to spend the afternoon.

*Word bank: vibrant · tranquil · scurried · glimmering · enormous · magnificent*

**1. Find the word 'small' in the first sentence. Replace it with a more ambitious adjective from the word bank to describe Pip's home. (1 mark)**

**2. Which word from the word bank would be the best synonym for 'bright' when describing the flowers? Explain why this is a better word choice. (2 marks)**

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**3. Rewrite the sentence 'A beetle ran across a leaf' using a more precise verb from the word bank to show how the beetle moved. (2 marks)**

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**4. Look at the phrase 'shiny dew'. Which word from the word bank could replace 'shiny' to make the description more magical? (1 mark)**

**5. Why do you think an author might choose to use the word 'tranquil' instead of 'quiet' when describing a setting? (2 marks)**

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**Draw:** A detailed line-art illustration of Pip the caterpillar wearing tiny spectacles, curled up on a giant, soft leaf inside a garden filled with oversized, patterned flowers and glowing dew drops. There is plenty of space for the child to colour the petals and leaves.



*Extension challenge: Choose two of your new, ambitious words and write a new, original sentence for each one. Make sure your sentences describe a brand new setting for Pip to explore!*