

Pip's Magnificent Word Collection

Learning objective: To understand and apply new vocabulary in context, specifically focussing on adjectives and synonyms.

Read the story about Pip the caterpillar and answer the questions below. Use the word bank to help you choose the best synonyms for your answers.

Pip the caterpillar was a collector. While other insects collected nectar or twigs, Pip collected words. He spent his days crawling across the pages of old books, searching for the perfect adjectives to describe his world. One sunny Tuesday, Pip found a leaf that was a striking shade of emerald green. 'That is a vibrant leaf!' Pip cheered. Later, he spotted a dewdrop that shone like a star. 'How dazzling!' he whispered. Pip felt perfectly happy and peaceful as he tucked his new words into his notebook. He knew that the right words could turn a simple story into a grand adventure. Even though Pip was a small creature, his vocabulary was growing to be quite large, and he loved sharing his colourful discoveries with all his friends in the garden.

Word bank: enormous · vibrant · dazzling · tiny · content · joyful

1. Find and copy one adjective from the text that Pip uses to describe the green leaf. (1 mark)

2. What does the word 'dazzling' mean in the context of the story? Use a synonym from the word bank to help explain. (2 marks)

3. Pip felt 'content' at the end of his day. Based on the passage, what does it mean to feel content? (2 marks)

4. Why do you think the author describes Pip as a 'collector'? Use evidence from the text. (3 marks)

5. If Pip were to describe a very large mountain, which word from the word bank would he choose? Explain why. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw Pip the caterpillar sitting on a leaf, surrounded by floating speech bubbles that contain some of his favourite 'dazzling' words.



Extension challenge: Choose three words from the text and write a new sentence for each one. Try to make your sentences as descriptive as Pip's!