

# Adventures with Words: Vocabulary Mastery

*Learning objective: To improve vocabulary by selecting ambitious synonyms and understanding word classes in context.*

Read the short story about Pip the caterpillar's garden adventure. Use the word bank to help you replace the underlined simple words with more ambitious vocabulary. Then, answer the questions to show your understanding.

Pip the caterpillar crawled along a big leaf. The sun was bright in the sky, making the garden look colourful. Pip felt very happy as he walked through the quiet grass. He spotted a flower that looked very beautiful. It was the best day ever.

*Word bank: magnificent · strolled · radiant · enormous · tranquil · vibrant*

**1. Identify one word from the word bank that could replace 'big' in the first sentence to make the description more interesting. (1 mark)**

**2. Why do you think the author chose to use the word 'vibrant' instead of 'colourful'? Explain your reasoning. (2 marks)**

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**3. Find a synonym in the word bank for 'quiet'. How does this word change the mood of the story? (2 marks)**

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**4. Rewrite the final sentence using the word 'magnificent' to replace 'best'. (2 marks)**

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**5. Which word class do all the words in the word bank belong to? (Hint: They all describe nouns). (1 mark)**

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**Draw:** Draw a picture of Pip the caterpillar exploring a 'magnificent' garden filled with 'vibrant' flowers.



*Extension challenge: Choose two words from the word bank and write your own original sentences using them to describe a different setting, such as a busy city or a deep forest.*