

Pip the Bookworm's Word Adventure

Learning objective: To develop vocabulary by identifying synonyms, selecting appropriate adjectives, and understanding the impact of word choices.

Read the short story about Pip the caterpillar and answer the questions below. Use the word bank to help you find the best synonyms to improve the sentences.

Pip the caterpillar crawled slowly across the leaf. He saw a big, red flower in the middle of the garden. Pip felt very happy. He wanted to run quickly to reach the flower before the sun went down. The flower looked bright in the golden evening light.

Word bank: enormous · vibrant · sprint · delighted · radiant

1. Find a word in the passage that is an antonym (the opposite) of 'sad'. (1 mark)

2. Pip wants to replace some boring words in his story. Rewrite the following sentence using a word from the bank: 'He saw a big, red flower.' (2 marks)

3. Why did the author choose the word 'crawled' instead of 'walked' to describe Pip? Explain your reasoning. (2 marks)

4. Replace the phrase 'run quickly' in the passage with a more adventurous verb from the word bank. (1 mark)

5. Choose one word from the bank that could describe the sun. Explain why it is a better choice than the word 'bright'. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Pip the caterpillar reaching the vibrant flower he discovered in the garden.



Extension challenge: Write two sentences of your own describing a forest, using at least two 'ambitious' adjectives that create a clear picture in the reader's mind.