

Pip's Magnificent Word Collection

Learning objective: To identify and use ambitious vocabulary to enhance descriptive writing.

Read the story below about Pip the caterpillar. Underline the ambitious adjectives and verbs you find. Then, use the word bank to help you answer the questions about the text.

Pip the caterpillar crawled along the leaf. He was searching for the perfect word to describe the garden. Suddenly, he spotted an enormous sunflower standing tall against the bright blue sky. Its petals were a vibrant yellow, glowing like gold in the sunshine. Pip scurried to the top of a stem to get a better view. He watched a dazzling butterfly dance through the air. The garden was filled with fragrant lavender, making the air smell sweet and fresh. Pip moved cautiously so he wouldn't disturb the busy bees working nearby. He quickly jotted down these new words in his tiny notebook.

Word bank: vibrant · scurried · enormous · dazzling · cautiously · fragrant

1. Find and copy one word from the passage that describes the size of the sunflower. (1 mark)

2. Why did Pip move 'cautiously' when he was near the bees? Use evidence from the text to explain your answer. (2 marks)

3. The author uses the word 'vibrant' to describe the sunflower. What does this word tell the reader about the colour of the petals? (2 marks)

4. If you were writing a story about a garden, which word from the word bank would you use to describe a flower? Write a full sentence using your chosen word. (2 marks)

5. Find a synonym for the word 'ran' used in the text that shows Pip was moving in a hurry. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of the garden Pip is visiting. Make sure to include the enormous sunflower and the dazzling butterfly mentioned in the passage.



Extension challenge: Pip wants to find a new word for 'happy'. Use a thesaurus or your own knowledge to find three synonyms for 'happy' that you could use in a story about an adventure.