

Pip's Magnificent Word Collection

Learning objective: To develop vocabulary by exploring synonyms, antonyms, and descriptive adjectives in context.

Read the passage below about Pip the caterpillar's adventure in the garden. Use the word bank to help you complete the questions, ensuring you use a range of interesting vocabulary to improve your own writing.

Pip the caterpillar crawled along the dew-covered leaf. It was a beautiful morning in the garden. He saw a giant sunflower towering above him like a yellow skyscraper. Pip meandered slowly towards the petals, enjoying the warmth of the sun. He felt happy to be alive. Suddenly, he stopped when he saw a tiny butterfly with delicate, thin wings resting on a stem. The butterfly looked very small compared to the sunflower. Pip decided to write a poem about the garden, choosing his words carefully to describe the amazing sights he had seen.

Word bank: vibrant · fragile · meandered · colossal · enchanted · abruptly

1. Find a word in the passage that is a synonym for 'wandered' or 'walked aimlessly'. (1 mark)

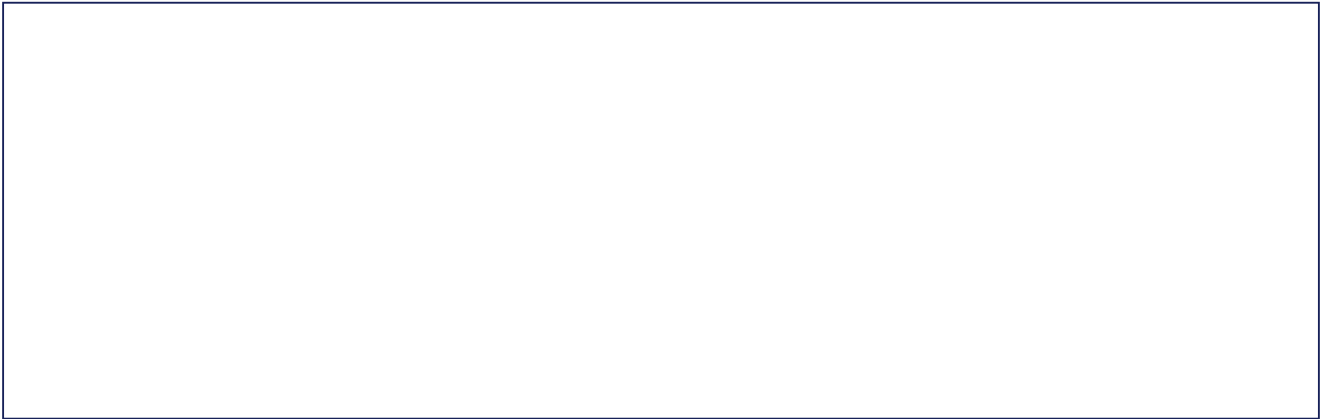
2. The author uses the word 'giant' to describe the sunflower. Which word from the word bank could replace 'giant' to make the sentence sound more descriptive? (1 mark)

3. Find an antonym for 'strong' or 'sturdy' within the passage. Explain why this word is a good choice to describe butterfly wings. (2 marks)

4. Replace the word 'happy' in the passage with a more powerful adjective from your own vocabulary. Rewrite the sentence below with your new word. (2 marks)

5. Pip saw a butterfly land 'suddenly'. Which word from the word bank is a synonym for 'suddenly'? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of Pip the caterpillar looking up at the 'colossal' sunflower and the 'fragile' butterfly. Label your drawing using at least three adjectives from the word bank.



Extension challenge: Choose two words from the word bank that you did not use in the questions. Write two original sentences for each word, ensuring one sentence shows the word in a garden setting and one shows it in a completely different setting, like a library or a space station.