

Word Power with Pip the Bookworm

Learning objective: To develop a wider vocabulary by exploring synonyms, antonyms, and powerful adjectives for Year 4 creative writing.

Read the passage about Pip's library adventure. Use the word bank to help you identify more descriptive language, then answer the questions to show how you can improve your own sentences.

Pip the caterpillar crawled slowly into the library. The room was very big and quiet. Pip looked at the old books on the shelves. One book had a shiny cover that sparkled in the light. Pip moved quickly to the shelf to see the colourful pictures inside. He felt very surprised by the stories he found.

Word bank: magnificent · enormous · glimmering · scurried · tranquil · ancient · vibrant · fragile · astonishing · gloomy

1. Pip thinks the library is 'very big'. Use a word from the word bank to replace 'very big' to make the sentence more descriptive. (2 marks)

2. Find a synonym for the word 'quiet' in the word bank that describes the library perfectly. (1 mark)

3. If the opposite of 'vibrant' is 'dull', what is an antonym for 'scurried' that suggests moving very slowly? (2 marks)

4. Rewrite the sentence 'Pip felt very surprised' using the word 'astonishing' to describe the stories he found. (2 marks)

5. Why do you think Pip chose the word 'glimmering' to describe the book cover instead of just saying 'shiny'? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw the 'magnificent' library Pip discovered, making sure to include at least three of the words from the word bank in your labels.



Extension challenge: Choose three words from the word bank that you have never used before. Write a short paragraph about a magical garden using all three words correctly.