

# Adventures in Adjectives with Pip

*Learning objective: To identify and use expanded noun phrases and precise vocabulary to improve descriptive writing.*

Read the story below about Pip the bookworm caterpillar. Use the word bank to help you answer the questions and improve the sentences.

Pip the caterpillar sat upon an old leaf. He was reading a book about a big mountain. Pip looked up at the sky and saw a bright sun. He felt happy. He opened his tiny notebook and began to write down his new words with a careful hand. 'What a lovely day,' Pip whispered to himself, feeling ready for a new adventure.

*Word bank: vibrant · ancient · magnificent · dazzling · colossal · shimmering · meticulous*

**1. Find three boring adjectives in the passage (e.g., 'old') and suggest a more exciting synonym from the word bank for each one. (3 marks)**

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**2. Rewrite the sentence 'Pip looked up at the sky and saw a bright sun' to make it more descriptive by adding an expanded noun phrase. (2 marks)**

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**3. Why did the author choose the word 'meticulous' to describe Pip's writing? Explain your answer using evidence from the text. (2 marks)**

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**4. If Pip were describing a mountain instead of just 'big', which word from the word bank would be the best choice? Explain why. (2 marks)**

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**5. Write a new sentence describing Pip's favourite book using at least one word from the word bank. (2 marks)**

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**Draw:** Draw Pip the caterpillar sitting on a leaf, but make sure the leaf and the sky look 'vibrant' and 'dazzling' based on your new vocabulary choices.



*Extension challenge: Choose two words from the word bank that you have not used yet. Write a short paragraph describing a secret garden that Pip has discovered, using both of your chosen words.*