

# Mastering the Book Review with Pip

*Learning objective: To understand the key features of a book review and apply them to evaluate a story.*

Pip the caterpillar has been reading lots of wonderful books! Help Pip remember how to write a great book review by answering the questions below. Think about what a reader needs to know before they decide to read a book.

*Word bank: Plot · Recommendation · Genre · Setting · Opinion · Protagonist*

**1. What is the purpose of a book review? Explain why someone would read one before visiting a bookshop. (2 marks)**

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**2. Match the word from the word bank to its meaning:**

1. The type of story (e.g. fantasy or mystery): \_\_\_\_\_  
2. The main character in the story: \_\_\_\_\_ (2 marks)

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**3. When describing the 'plot' of a book, why is it important not to tell the ending of the story? (2 marks)**

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**4. Which of these is an 'opinion' rather than a 'fact'?**

- A) The book has 120 pages.  
B) The cover is blue.  
C) The story is very exciting.  
D) The author is called Sarah Smith. (1 mark)

**5. Imagine you are reviewing a book about a magical forest. Write one sentence describing the 'setting' and one sentence giving your 'recommendation' to a friend. (3 marks)**

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**6. If you were giving a book a star rating out of five, what does a 1-star rating tell the reader about the book? (1 mark)**

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**Draw: Design a bright and colourful front cover for a book you have read recently.  
Remember to include the title and the author's name!**



*Extension challenge: Pip wants to make his review more persuasive. Can you write three 'powerful adjectives' that could be used to describe a thrilling adventure story?*