

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)

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)

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

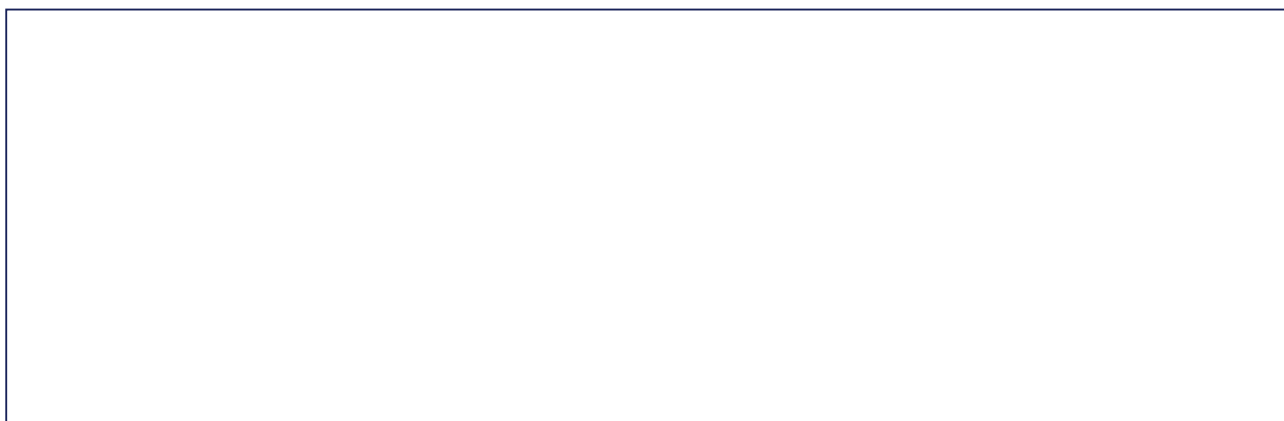
4. Which of these is an 'opinion' rather than a 'fact'?

- 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)

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)

Draw: Design a bright and colorful 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?