

Writing a Brilliant Book Review

Learning objective: To understand the purpose and structure of a book review by identifying key components and descriptive language.

Read the front of each flashcard to think about what makes a good book review. Flip to the back to check your understanding of how to write about your favourite stories.

What is the main purpose of a book review?

To share your thoughts about a book and help others decide if they want to read it too.

What two pieces of information must you always include about the book at the start?

The title of the book and the name of the author.

True or False: A book review should tell the reader the entire ending of the story.

False. You should avoid 'spoilers' so the reader can enjoy the surprises themselves!

Why is it important to use adjectives in your review?

Adjectives help you describe the characters and settings clearly, making your review more exciting to read.

Pip the caterpillar loves to describe characters. What is one question you could ask about a character in your review?

Who is your favourite character and why did you like them?

What is an 'opinion' in a book review?

An opinion is what you personally think about the book, such as whether it was funny, sad, or very exciting.

What does a 'recommendation' mean in a book review?

It is when you suggest who else might enjoy reading the book, like your friends or family.

If Max the monkey had to rate a book, what would he use to show how much he liked it?

A star rating system (e.g., 5 out of 5 stars).

How can you describe the 'plot' of a book?

The plot is a short summary of the main events that happen in the story.

Fill in the blank: Your review should be written in a way that is _____ to the reader.

Honest (or clear/helpful).