

Pip's Review Builder: Constructing the Perfect Book Critique

Learning objective: To learn the structural elements of a high-quality book review, including summary, opinion, and recommendation.

Pip the bookworm needs your help to organise his latest reviews! Below is a jumbled list of sentences from a review of a mystery story. Your task is to sort these sentences into the correct sections of a book review. Use the word bank to help you identify which part of the review each sentence belongs to.

Word bank: Title and Author · Plot Summary · Personal Opinion · Recommendation

1. 1. Sort this sentence: 'The Secret of Whispering Woods by J.K. Sterling.' (1 mark)

2. 2. Sort this sentence: 'When Leo the Lion discovers a hidden map in the library, he must travel through the forest to find the lost treasure before sunset.' (1 mark)

3. 3. Sort this sentence: 'I absolutely loved this book because the plot twists kept me guessing until the very last page!' (1 mark)

4. 4. Sort this sentence: 'I would recommend this story to anyone who enjoys fast-paced adventures and mysteries.' (1 mark)

5. 5. Why is it important to include a 'Personal Opinion' in a book review? Use evidence from the text to explain. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a star rating system (1 to 5 stars) that you would give to your favourite book, and include a small illustration of the main character next to it.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph (3-4 sentences) explaining which genre of books you enjoy reading most and why, using at least two adjectives from the word bank to describe the book's features.