

Pip's Book Review Workshop

Learning objective: To structure a persuasive book review by identifying and using key components like plot summaries, character analysis, and personal recommendations.

Pip the bookworm needs your help to organise his review notes! Read the jumbled sections of a book review below. Use the word bank to fill in the blanks so that the review makes sense. Once finished, use the structure to plan your own review for a book you have recently read.

Word bank: Title · Recommendation · Character · Summary · Opinion · Setting

1. 1. Fill in the blank: The [Title] of the book is the first thing a reader should see. (1 mark)

2. 2. Fill in the blank: A [Summary] tells the reader what happens in the story without giving away the ending. (1 mark)

3. 3. Fill in the blank: Describe your favourite [Character] and explain why they were interesting. (2 marks)

4. 4. Fill in the blank: Explain the [Setting]. Where and when does the story take place? (2 marks)

5. 5. Fill in the blank: Give your [Opinion]. Did you enjoy the book? Why or why not? (2 marks)

6. 6. Fill in the blank: Write a [Recommendation]. Who would enjoy reading this book and why? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a new front cover for your favourite book, including a star rating out of five stars at the bottom.



Extension challenge: Write a short 'blurb' for the back of your book review. Imagine you are trying to convince a friend to borrow the book from the library!