

Year 3 English Assessment: Writing a Book Review

Learning objective: To evaluate a book and communicate opinions using appropriate vocabulary and structure.

Read the book review below written by Pip the caterpillar. Use the information in the review and your own knowledge of stories to answer the questions. Write your answers clearly in the spaces provided.

Title: The Brave Little Seed. I have just finished reading 'The Brave Little Seed'. It is a story about a tiny seed that wants to grow into a tall sunflower. My favourite character is the seed because it never gives up, even when the weather is stormy! The setting is a beautiful, colourful garden. The best part of the book is when the sun finally comes out and the seed begins to sprout. I would recommend this book to anyone who likes stories about nature. It is a very heart-warming book that made me feel happy.

Word bank: character · plot · opinion · recommend · exciting · setting · favourite · adventurous

1. Who is the main character in the story Pip reviewed? (1 mark)

2. Where does the story take place? Use the text to help you. (1 mark)

3. Why does Pip like the main character? Give one reason. (2 marks)

4. Pip says, 'I would recommend this book to anyone who likes stories about nature.' What does the word 'recommend' mean in this sentence? (2 marks)

5. If you were writing a review, why is it important to include your own opinion? (3 marks)

6. Think of a book you have read recently. Write a short review (4-5 sentences) including the title, who the characters are, what happens in the story, and why you liked or disliked it. (5 marks)

7. Look at the word bank. Choose two words and use them in a sentence that explains why a story is exciting. (4 marks)

8. Which part of a book review is the most important to help a reader decide if they want to read the book? Explain your answer. (7 marks)

Draw: Draw your favourite scene from a book you have read recently. Label one character and the setting in your drawing.



Extension challenge: Total: /25