

Writing a Brilliant Book Review with Pip

Learning objective: To understand the structure and purpose of a book review, identifying key elements required to share an opinion about a story.

Read each flashcard carefully. The front of the card asks a question or gives a key term, and the back provides the answer. Use these to help you write your own review for your favourite book!

What is the main purpose of a book review?

To share your personal opinion about a book and help others decide if they would like to read it too.

What is a 'Genre'?

A type of book, such as adventure, mystery, fantasy, or non-fiction.

What should be included in a summary?

A short explanation of the main plot and events without revealing the very end of the story.

Why is it important to talk about characters in a review?

To describe who the story is about and explain whether you liked or disliked them.

What is a 'Recommendation'?

Suggesting who might enjoy reading the book, for example: 'I would recommend this to anyone who likes stories about space.'

What is the 'Setting' of a story?

The place and time where the story happens.

What is the difference between a fact and an opinion in a review?

A fact is something that is true about the book (like the title), while an opinion is how you personally feel about it.

Which of these is an example of an opinion: 'The book has 100 pages' or 'The book is very exciting'?

'The book is very exciting' is an opinion.

What is a 'star rating'?

A way of showing how much you enjoyed a book, usually using 1 to 5 stars.

Why should you avoid 'spoilers' in your review?

Because revealing the main surprise or the ending might stop other people from enjoying the book for themselves.