

Writing a Brilliant Book Review

Learning objective: To understand the structure and key components of a persuasive book review suitable for Year 5 readers.

Read the front of each flashcard to test your knowledge of book reviews. Flip the card to check your answer. Use these terms to help Pip the bookworm write his next review!

What is the main purpose of a book review?

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

What is a 'Plot Summary'?

A brief overview of the main events in the story without giving away the ending or 'spoilers'.

Why should you identify the 'Genre' of the book?

It helps the reader know what type of story it is, such as mystery, fantasy, or historical fiction.

What is a 'Recommendation' in a book review?

A sentence stating who would enjoy reading the book, such as 'fans of adventure stories'.

What is meant by 'Target Audience'?

The specific group of people the book was written for, such as children aged 9-10.

Why do we include a 'Star Rating'?

It provides a quick, visual way to show how much the reviewer enjoyed the book.

What is a 'Hook' at the start of a review?

An engaging opening sentence designed to grab the reader's attention and make them want to read more.

Should a book review include the ending of the story?

No, you should avoid spoilers so that future readers can still enjoy the surprise of the plot.

What is 'Character Analysis'?

Describing the main characters, their personalities, and how they change throughout the story.

What does it mean to be 'Persuasive' in a review?

Using descriptive language and strong opinions to convince the reader why they should (or shouldn't) read the book.

Why is it important to use 'Descriptive Vocabulary'?

It helps the reader imagine the story and makes your review much more interesting to read.

What is the best way to conclude a book review?

By summarising your overall feelings and giving your final recommendation or star rating.