

Grade 1 ELA: Writing a Brilliant Book Review

Learning objective: To write a clear, descriptive book review expressing personal opinions about a text, using appropriate vocabulary and structure.

Read the questions carefully and answer in full sentences where possible. Make sure to check your spelling and punctuation.

Pip the bookworm has just finished reading a story about a brave squirrel who loses his treasure. Pip says, 'This book was wonderful! The pictures were very colorful, and I liked how the squirrel made new friends. I think other children who like mysteries would really enjoy this story.'

Word bank: exciting · character · favorite · opinion · recommend · adventurous · plot · illustration

1. According to the passage, what did Pip like about the book? (2 marks)

2. Why do you think it is important to include your own opinion in a book review? (2 marks)

3. If you were writing a review, what is one thing you would tell a reader about the characters? (3 marks)

4. Which words from the word bank would you use to describe a book that is full of action? (2 marks)

5. Why might you recommend a book to a friend? Explain your answer. (4 marks)

6. Write a short book review for a book you have read recently. Include the title, what the story is about, and whether you liked it. Use at least two words from the word bank. (12 marks)

Draw: Draw your favorite scene from the book you chose to review in the final question. Make sure your drawing matches your description!



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Challenge: Can you write one sentence using a conjunction (like 'because', 'or', or 'but') to explain why your favorite character acted the way they did?