

Writing a Brilliant Book Review with Pip

Learning objective: To learn how to write a persuasive book review by sharing personal opinions and providing reasons for them.

Pip the bookworm caterpillar has just finished a fantastic story! Read the questions below and use your best descriptive writing to help others decide if they should read the book too.

A book review is a short piece of writing where you share your thoughts on a story you have read. It is not just about what happens in the book, but how it made you feel. A good review includes a summary, your favorite part, and a recommendation for other readers.

Word bank: captivating · favorite · adventurous · opinion · recommend · plot · character · suspenseful

1. If you were writing a review, what is the most important thing to include to help a reader understand what the story is about? (2 marks)

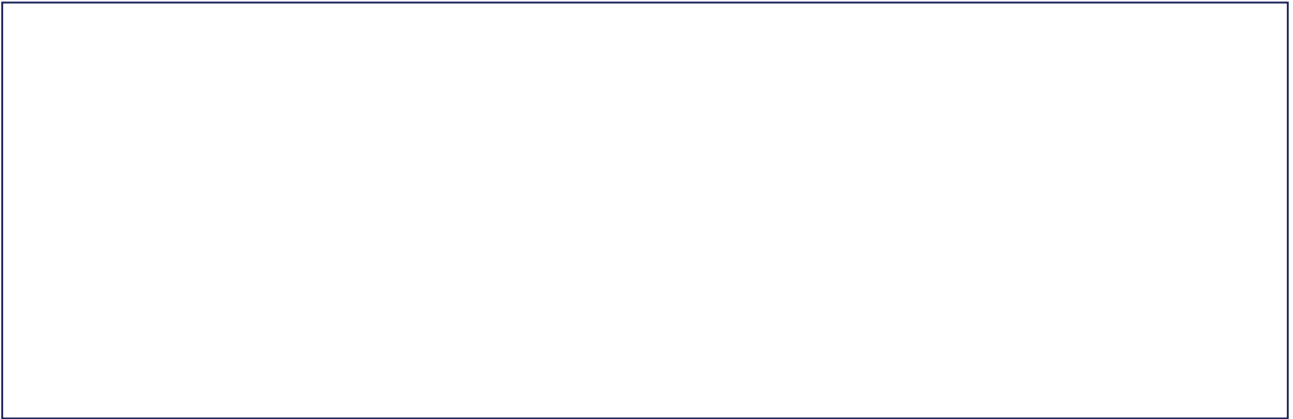
2. Why is it important to use adjectives like 'exciting', 'dull', or 'funny' when writing your review? (2 marks)

3. Imagine you are writing about a book where a brave squirrel saves a forest. Write one sentence explaining why a reader would enjoy this story. (2 marks)

4. Who would you recommend your favorite book to? (For example: someone who likes mysteries, or someone who loves animals). (1 mark)

5. If a book costs £5.99, what is one reason you might tell a friend it is worth spending their pocket money on it? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a book cover for your favorite story and include a 'star rating' (out of 5 stars) at the bottom.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph (3-4 sentences) reviewing a book you have read recently. Make sure to include your honest opinion and at least two reasons why you liked or disliked it.