Max’s Book Review

Learning objective: To identify and explain the features of a book review and share an opinion.

Read the story below. Use the word bank to help you answer the questions. Write your answers in the boxes.

Max the monkey sat in the library. He had just finished reading a book about a space-travelling squirrel. Max wanted to tell his friends what he thought about it, so he wrote a review.

'The book is called The Starry Acorn,' Max wrote. 'It is a brilliant story about a squirrel who builds a rocket ship out of old logs. The best part is when the squirrel lands on the moon and finds a forest made of cheese! I think this story is very exciting because it is full of surprises. My favourite character is the squirrel because he is very brave and clever. I liked the colourful pictures on every page. They made the story feel real. If you like stories about space and funny animals, you should read this book. It is a great choice for anyone who loves a big adventure. I give this book five out of five stars!' Max felt happy. He had shared his thoughts and helped his friends choose their next book to read.

Word bank: Review · Opinion · Exciting · Character · Recommend · Adventure

1. What is the title of the book that Max read? (Literal) (1 mark)

2. What does the squirrel build his rocket ship out of? (Literal) (1 mark)

3. Why did Max like the pictures in the book? (Inferential) (2 marks)

4. How do we know that Max really enjoyed the book? (Inferential) (2 marks)

5. Would you like to read this book? Explain why using your own opinion. (Evaluative) (2 marks)

Draw: Draw your favourite character from a book you have read recently. Add a label to say why they are your favourite.

Extension challenge: Write one sentence of your own book review for a story you have read. Use the sentence starter: 'I like this book because...'