

Mastering the Book Review

Learning objective: To understand the key components and purpose of a book review for Year 6 readers.

Use these flashcards to test your knowledge of how to write a compelling and balanced book review. You can work with a partner or test yourself to see how many definitions you can recall.

What is the purpose of a book review?

To inform potential readers about a book's content and share an informed opinion on its quality.

What is a 'Plot Summary' in a review?

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

Why is it important to mention the 'Target Audience'?

To help readers know if the book is suitable and interesting for their specific age group or interests.

What does 'Subjective' mean in the context of a review?

It means the review is based on your personal feelings, tastes, and opinions rather than just facts.

What is a 'Critique'?

A detailed analysis of the book's strengths and weaknesses, such as the character development or the author's writing style.

What is 'Genre' and why should you include it?

The category of the book (e.g., historical fiction, mystery, or science fiction); it helps readers find books they enjoy.

What is a 'Recommendation'?

A final verdict where you suggest who would enjoy the book most, often including a star rating.

True or False: A book review should reveal the ending of the story.

False. A good review avoids spoilers to keep the reading experience exciting for others.

How can Max the Monkey help with a review?

Max can help analyse the logic of the plot and ensure the sequence of events is clear and easy to follow.

How can Pip the Bookworm help with a review?

Pip can help you select descriptive vocabulary to make your review more engaging and persuasive.

What is a 'Hook' in a review?

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

Why should you use formal but enthusiastic language?

To show that you have carefully considered the book while keeping your reader interested and entertained.