

Pip's Book Review Challenge

Learning objective: To understand the structure, purpose, and language features of a formal book review.

Help Pip the bookworm caterpillar get his library in order! Read the questions carefully and choose the best answer or provide the one-word solution.

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.True, 3.False, 4.Summary, 5.B, 6.A, 7.Opinion, 8.True, 9.Genre, 10.B

Word bank: Recommendation · Opinion · Summary · Vocabulary · Audience · Plot · Genre · Critique

1. 1. What is the main purpose of a book review? A) To copy the story B) To tell the author what to write next C) To provide an informed opinion to potential readers* D) To list every character in the book (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: A good book review should include a brief summary of the plot without giving away the ending (spoilers). (1 mark)

3. 3. True or False: You should only write a book review if you absolutely loved the book and have nothing negative to say. (1 mark)

4. 4. What is the section of a review called where you describe what happens in the story? (One word) (1 mark)

5. 5. Which of these is the most appropriate way to start a recommendation? A) 'I think you should buy it because it costs £5.' B) 'Readers who enjoy fast-paced adventures will love this story.* C) 'The book is very heavy.' D) 'The author lives in a big house.' (1 mark)

6. 6. Why is it important to identify the target audience? A) To ensure the book is suitable for the reader's age and interests* B) To find out if the book is expensive C) To see if the author is famous D) To count how many pages are in the book (1 mark)

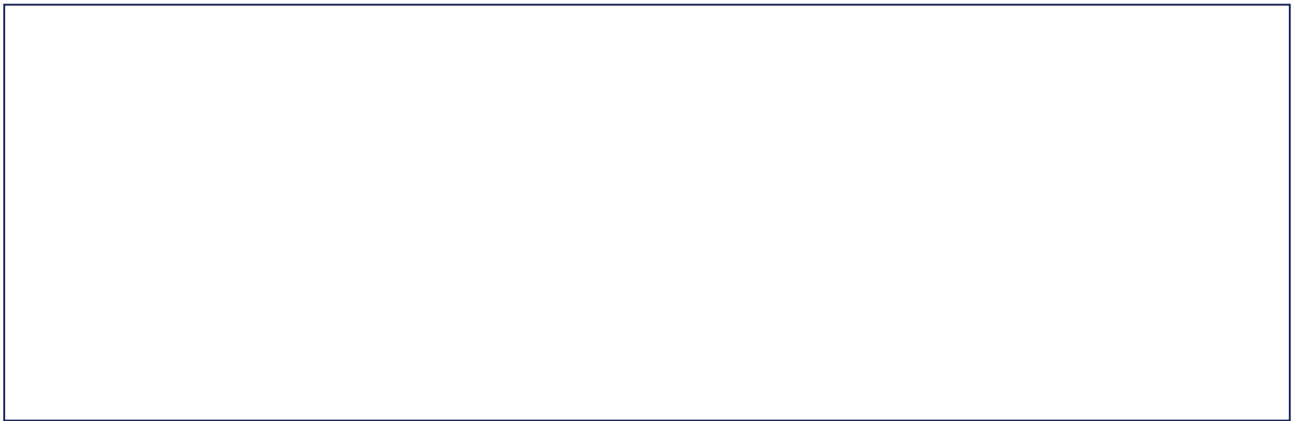
7. 7. What must you include to show your personal thoughts on the book's themes or writing style? (One word) (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: Using emotive language like 'breathtaking' or 'lacklustre' helps to make your review more engaging. (1 mark)

9. 9. If you are reviewing a book about space travel or wizards, what should you mention to help readers understand the type of story it is? (One word) (1 mark)

10. 10. Which sentence shows a formal tone for a review? A) 'This book was cool and I liked the bits with the dog.' B) 'The narrative structure creates an atmosphere of suspense that keeps the reader engaged.'* C) 'Don't read this book, it's boring.' D) 'The book cost £8 and had a shiny cover.' (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a 'Five Star' rating graphic that Pip the bookworm could use at the bottom of his book reviews, including a space for a short 'Verdict' sentence.



Extension challenge: Choose a book you have recently finished. Write a paragraph (50-75 words) recommending it to a peer, ensuring you mention the genre and one specific reason why you enjoyed it.