

Book Review Masterclass with Pip the Bookworm

Learning objective: To write a structured book review, identifying key features such as plot summary, character analysis, and personal opinion.

Read the book review written by Pip the Bookworm below. Think about why Pip liked the story. Then, answer the questions to show your understanding of how to write a great review.

I have just finished reading 'The Great Oak Mystery'. It is a story about a squirrel named Squeak who loses his favourite golden acorn. The plot follows Squeak as he travels through the Whispering Woods, meeting a wise owl and a speedy hare to help him find his treasure. My favourite character is the hare because she is incredibly kind. The writing is very gripping, especially the part where they have to cross the bubbling stream! I would recommend this book to anyone who loves a good adventure. It is a brilliant story that kept me guessing until the very last page.

Word bank: plot · recommendation · opinion · character · gripping · captivating · summary · adjective

1. What is the name of the main character in the book Pip read, and what is he searching for? (2 marks)

2. Find and copy one adjective that Pip uses to describe the writing style of the book. (1 mark)

3. Why does Pip like the character of the hare? Use evidence from the text. (2 marks)

4. Who does Pip think would enjoy reading this book? (1 mark)

5. In your own words, why do you think it is important to include your own opinion in a book review? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw your favourite scene from the last book you read. Make sure to include a speech bubble for one of the characters.



Extension challenge: Write a short 'blurb' for a new book about a space-travelling hedgehog. Use at least two persuasive adjectives to make your reader want to pick it up!