

A Review of The Lost Library Key

Learning objective: To identify the features of a book review and understand how to express a personal opinion supported by evidence from the text.

Read the book review written by Pip the bookworm caterpillar below, then answer the questions that follow in full sentences.

Title: The Lost Library Key by Arthur Penhaligon. Reviewed by Pip. I have just finished reading this exciting mystery story. The plot follows a young girl named Maya who discovers a hidden, golden key tucked inside an old dictionary in her school library. She spends the story trying to find the matching lock, which leads her on a grand adventure through the school's attic. My favourite character is Maya because she is incredibly brave and never gives up, even when she loses her torch in the dark! The author does a wonderful job of building suspense; I felt like I was right there in the dusty attic with her. I would recommend this book to anyone who loves puzzles and surprises. It is well worth the £6.99 price tag. If you enjoy stories that keep you guessing until the very last page, pick this one up today!

Word bank: recommend · plot · character · opinion · suspense · atmosphere

1. Who is the author of the book Pip is reviewing? (1 mark)

2. Why does Pip like the main character, Maya? Use evidence from the text to support your answer. (2 marks)

3. How does the author make the reader feel during the story, according to Pip? (2 marks)

4. Based on the review, what type of reader would enjoy this book the most? (2 marks)

5. What is the price of the book, and do you think Pip thinks it is good value? Explain your reasoning. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of the dusty school attic as you imagine it, including the hidden, golden key that Maya found.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph (3-4 sentences) about your favourite book. Make sure to include your opinion on why you liked it and who you would recommend it to.