

# Book Review Masterclass with Pip

*Learning objective: To write a clear and persuasive book review, identifying key plot points and expressing personal opinions using appropriate vocabulary.*

Read the short story below, then answer the questions to help you prepare your own book review. Once you have finished, use the drawing space to illustrate your favourite scene from the story.

Pip the caterpillar found a dusty old book under a giant oak tree. The story was about a brave squirrel named Squeaky who had to find the Golden Acorn to save the forest from a long winter. Squeaky faced many challenges, including a wide, rushing river and a very steep, slippery hill. Pip loved how Squeaky never gave up, even when things looked difficult. The descriptions of the forest were so colourful that Pip felt like he was walking through the leaves himself. By the end, Pip couldn't wait to tell all his friends about the journey.

*Word bank: persuasive · opinion · character · recommendation · plot · thrilling · captivating · courageous*

**1. Who is the main character in the story Pip read, and what is their main goal? (2 marks)**

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**2. Find one adjective Pip uses to describe the forest. Why do you think this word was used? (2 marks)**

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**3. Would you like to read a story about Squeaky the squirrel? Explain your answer using a reason. (2 marks)**

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**4. If you were writing a review for this book, what star rating out of five would you give it and why? (2 marks)**

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**5. Why is it important to include a recommendation in a book review? (2 marks)**

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**Draw:** Draw a picture of Squeaky the squirrel facing one of the challenges mentioned in the story. Remember to add as much detail as possible to make your scene look 'captivating'!



*Extension challenge: Write a short 'blurb' for the book about Squeaky. Try to include a 'hook' sentence that makes the reader really want to find out what happens next!*