

# Max's Book Review Challenge

*Learning objective: To understand how to write a persuasive book review by identifying key features such as summary, opinion, and recommendation.*

Read Max the monkey's review of his favourite adventure story below. Use the information to answer the questions. Remember to use full sentences and clear explanations.

I have just finished reading 'The Jungle Map' by Sarah Forest. It is an exciting story about a brave explorer who discovers a hidden path behind a waterfall. The plot was fast-paced, and I really enjoyed the moment the explorer found the ancient compass. My favourite character was the parrot because she was very funny and helpful. I would describe the book as mysterious and thrilling. If you like stories about treasure hunts and puzzles, you will love this book! It is a fantastic read for anyone who enjoys an adventure.

*Word bank: recommendation · summary · opinion · persuasive · plot · character · adjective*

**1. What is the title of the book Max is reviewing and who is the author? (2 marks)**

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**2. In your own words, provide a short summary of the plot. (2 marks)**

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**3. Which character did Max like the most and what two adjectives did he use to describe them? (2 marks)**

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**4. Why does Max think this book is a good choice for other children? Use evidence from the text. (2 marks)**

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**5. Write your own one-sentence 'recommendation' for a book you have read recently. (2 marks)**

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**Draw:** Draw your favourite scene from a book you have recently read. Around your drawing, write three adjectives that describe the mood of the scene.



*Extension challenge: Imagine Max asked you to write a review for a book that you didn't like very much. How would you explain your opinion politely without being mean? Write two sentences explaining why a reader might want to choose a different book instead.*