

Write a Brilliant Book Review with Pip!

Learning objective: To learn how to write a persuasive book review by expressing personal opinions and providing evidence from the text.

Follow these steps to help Pip the bookworm share your favourite story with the world: 1. Introduce the book title and author. 2. Write a short summary without giving away the ending! 3. Explain what you liked best about the characters or the plot. 4. Give your star rating out of five. 5. Finish with a recommendation—who would enjoy this book?

Word bank: captivating · plot twist · recommendation · character development · suspenseful · gripping · opinion · justification

1. Why is it important to avoid mentioning the ending of the story in your summary? (2 marks)

2. If you were reviewing a book about a space adventure, what two adjectives from the word bank would you use to describe it and why? (2 marks)

3. Pip wants to know which character you found the most interesting in your book. Write one sentence explaining why you liked them. (2 marks)

4. Think of a friend who loves reading. Based on your book review, write one sentence explaining why they should borrow this book from you. (2 marks)

5. If you gave a book 5 out of 5 stars, what does that tell the reader about your opinion? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a new front cover for your favourite book. Make sure the illustration captures the most exciting part of the story!



Extension challenge: Write a 'Persuasive Blurb' for your book review. Use strong verbs and adjectives to convince someone to pick up the book within just three sentences.