

Writing a Brilliant Book Review with Pip

Learning objective: To identify the key features of a book review and explain personal opinions using evidence from the text.

Read the book review written by Pip the caterpillar below, then answer the questions to show what you have learnt about sharing your thoughts on a story.

I have just finished reading 'The Great Oak Forest Mystery' by Sarah Green. It is an exciting adventure story about a squirrel who loses her favourite acorn. The plot is full of twists, especially when she meets a grumpy badger in the middle of the woods. My favourite character was the squirrel because she never gave up, even when things got difficult. The descriptive language helped me imagine exactly what the forest looked like. I would recommend this book to anyone who loves mysteries and funny animal stories. It is a quick read, but the ending is very surprising!

Word bank: recommendation · plot · opinion · character · summary · genre · adjectives

1. Identify the title of the book Pip reviewed and the name of the author. (2 marks)

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

3. Pip explains why they liked the main character. Quote the reason Pip gives for liking the squirrel. (2 marks)

4. Who would Pip recommend this book to? Give a reason for your answer based on the text. (3 marks)

5. Why is it important to use adjectives when writing a book review? Use an example from Pip's review to support your answer. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw your favourite scene from a book you have read recently. Add a speech bubble showing one adjective you would use to describe that scene.



Extension challenge: Write a 'blurb' for your own imaginary book. Try to use at least three exciting adjectives to hook a potential reader!