

Writing a Brilliant Book Review with Pip

Learning objective: To write a clear and persuasive book review using formal language and personal opinion.

Read the book review written by Pip the bookworm caterpillar below. Then, use the template to write your own review for a book you have recently enjoyed.

Pip's Review: *The Secret of the Silver Stream*. In this exciting story, a young squirrel discovers a hidden map inside an old oak tree. The plot is full of twists that kept me guessing until the very last page. My favourite character is the squirrel because he is brave and kind to his forest friends. I would highly recommend this book to anyone who loves nature stories and solving mysteries. It is a captivating read that left me feeling inspired!

Word bank: persuasive · recommend · plot · character · adventurous · thrilling · captivating · opinion

1. What is Pip's main opinion about the book 'The Secret of the Silver Stream'? (2 marks)

2. Find and copy two adjectives Pip uses to describe the book. (2 marks)

3. Who is Pip's favourite character and why? (2 marks)

4. If you were writing a review, what is one thing you would include to make someone else want to read your book? (2 marks)

5. Why do you think it is important to avoid giving away the 'spoiler' or the ending in your book review? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw your favourite scene from the book you are reviewing. Make sure to include a caption that explains why this scene is important to the story.



Extension challenge: Write a 'blurb' for your book review that is exactly 30 words long. Try to use at least two persuasive adjectives to hook your reader!