

Pip's Book Review Challenge

Learning objective: To write a persuasive book review using formal language, conjunctions, and descriptive adjectives to recommend a story to others.

Read Pip the caterpillar's review of a story about a lost star. Then, answer the questions to help you understand how to structure your own review. Finally, draft your own review for a book you have enjoyed reading.

Pip's Review: 'The Midnight Comet' by J. P. Willow. I recently finished reading 'The Midnight Comet', and I must say it is an extraordinary adventure. The story follows a small star who loses its way in the night sky. The author uses such evocative language that I felt I was floating right alongside the little star! My favourite part was when the star met a friendly moon who helped it find its way home. The plot is fast-paced and exciting, which kept me turning the pages until the very end. I would highly recommend this book to anyone who loves stories about space and friendship. It is a brilliant read that leaves you feeling warm and inspired.

Word bank: persuasive · recommendation · adjectives · conjunctions · opinion · plot · character · evocative

1. Identify two adjectives Pip uses to describe the book or the story. Why do these words help the reader understand Pip's opinion? (2 marks)

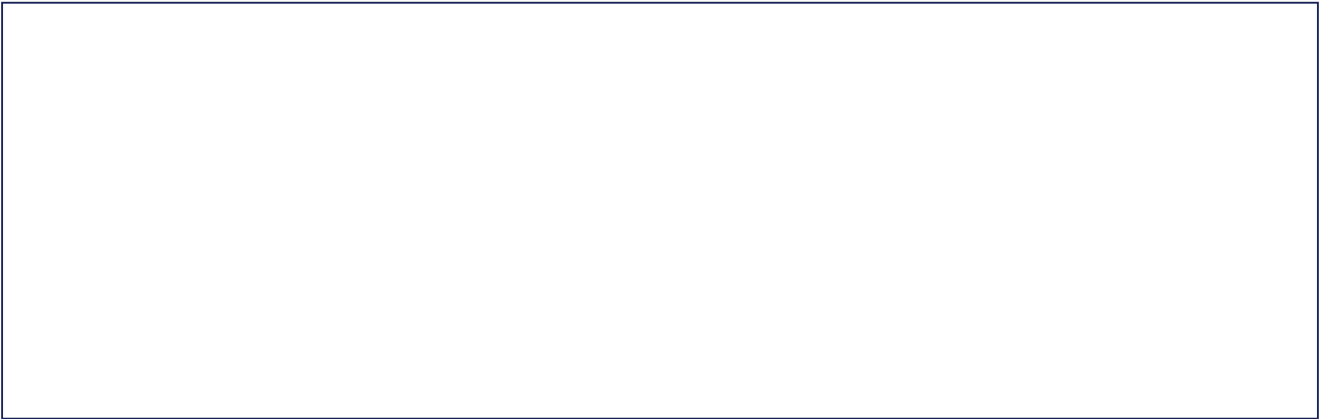
2. What is the main plot of the story Pip reviewed? (1 mark)

3. Who does Pip recommend this book to, and why? (2 marks)

4. Find a conjunction in the passage that joins two ideas together. Write it down here. (1 mark)

5. If you were writing a review, what is one thing you would want to tell a reader to make them want to read your favourite book? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw your favourite scene from the book you are reviewing, ensuring you include a small caption at the bottom that uses at least one descriptive adjective.



Extension challenge: Write a 'hook' sentence for your review. This should be an exciting opening sentence designed to grab the reader's attention immediately, just like a professional book critic would.