

# Writing a Brilliant Book Review

*Learning objective: To use descriptive vocabulary and formal opinion phrases to write a review of a story.*

Read the book review written by Pip the bookworm, then use the word bank to help you answer the questions below. Think about why you enjoyed your favourite book and how you can explain your thoughts to a reader.

Pip's Review: I recently finished reading a marvellous story about a hidden garden. The protagonist, a young girl named Lily, was incredibly brave. The author's description of the flowers was so vivid that I felt like I was standing right there! The plot was suspenseful, especially when Lily discovered the secret key. I would highly recommend this book to anyone who loves a mystery. It was a truly captivating adventure from start to finish.

*Word bank: captivating · suspenseful · recommend · protagonist · vivid · thrilling · opinion · persuasive · characterisation · thought-provoking*

**1. Identify one adjective Pip uses to describe the story. Explain how this word helps the reader understand Pip's opinion. (2 marks)**

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**2. Who is the protagonist of the story Pip read, and what adjective does Pip use to describe their personality? (2 marks)**

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**3. Pip says the description of the flowers was 'vivid'. What does this tell you about the author's writing style? (2 marks)**

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**4. Why does Pip recommend this book? Give one reason from the text. (1 mark)**

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**5. If you were writing a review of your favourite book, which three words from the word bank would you use to describe it? Explain why. (3 marks)**

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**Draw:** Draw a scene from a book you have recently read. Around your drawing, write three 'persuasive' sentences using words from the word bank to convince a friend to read it.



*Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph (3-4 sentences) reviewing a book you know well, but try to include one 'thought-provoking' question at the end to hook your reader, just like a professional book critic!*