

Writing a Brilliant Book Review with Pip

Learning objective: To write a clear and persuasive book review using appropriate vocabulary and structure.

Read Pip the caterpillar's review of a storybook below. Then, answer the questions to help you plan your own review of a book you have enjoyed reading recently.

Pip's Review: 'The Forest Secret' is an absolutely fascinating story about a squirrel who finds a hidden map. I really enjoyed this book because the plot is full of suspenseful twists that kept me guessing until the very end. My favourite character is Barnaby the Squirrel because he is so brave when he enters the mysterious cave. I would definitely recommend this book to anyone who loves a good adventure. It is a brilliant read that you won't want to put down!

Word bank: recommend · fascinating · suspenseful · character · plot · captivating · opinion · conclusion

1. According to Pip, what is the main reason the book is exciting to read? (2 marks)

2. Which character does Pip identify as their favourite, and why? (2 marks)

3. Why does Pip use the word 'recommend' in the final paragraph? (1 mark)

4. If you were writing a review, what is one detail you would include about the book's setting? (2 marks)

5. Write a sentence using one word from the word bank to describe a book you have read. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a new front cover for the book *Pip* reviewed, including a title and a scene that shows the most exciting part of the story.



Extension challenge: Write a short 'blurb' for the back of your favourite book. Try to use at least three adjectives from the word bank to make your description sound as exciting as possible!