

Writing a review



Vocabulary to describe a story

- Heart-stirring, soul-stirring, appealing, sad, bitter-sweet, sentimental, enjoyable, truthful, suspenseful, brilliant
- Rollicking, serendipitous, uplifting, gratifying, stirring, inspiring, exhilarating, elevating, rousing, heart-warming, moving, sincere
- Great, fantastic, mind-blowing, with a twist at the end, amazing, awesome, exciting, intriguing, staggering, breathtaking, fascinating, predictable/unpredictable, bizarre, dull, incomprehensible



Review

A review is usually written for an English-language magazine, newspaper or website.

a personal opinion about something which the writer has experienced (e.g. a film, a holiday, a product, a website etc.)

give the reader a clear impression of what the item discussed is like.

Description and explanation are key functions for this task, and a review will normally include a recommendation to the reader.

You see this announcement in your college English-language magazine.

Book reviews wanted

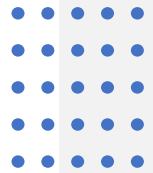
Have you read a book in which the main character behaved in a surprising way?

Write us a review of the book, explaining what the main character did and why it was surprising.
Tell us whether or not you would recommend this book to other people.

The best reviews will be published in the magazine.

Write your **review**.

A typical task: 140-190 words



3 major things to include:
description,
discussion,
recommendation

What did the main character do?

Why was it surprising

Why would you recommend it to others?



The structure

Title

Introduction (a personalized question)

Description

Discussion (your personal opinion)

Recommendation

Review- Model question 1

TASK

- You have seen this announcement in your college English-language magazine.
- **Music reviews wanted**
- **Have you been to a great music concert recently?**
Write us a review of the concert, telling us about the band or singer and their performance. Say whether you would recommend seeing them perform live.
We will publish the best reviews next month.

Review- Model question 2

TASK

- You have seen this announcement in an international magazine.
- **Book reviews wanted**
- Have you read a book recently with a story that has held your attention? Write a review of the book, explaining what the story is about and whether the characters are convincing. Tell us whether or not you would recommend it both to younger and older readers. The best reviews will be published in the magazine.
- Write your **review** in **140-190 words** in an appropriate style.