

## WRITING A RECOMMENDATION

We can recommend a restaurant, a visit to a city or village, a concert, a book, ... The main purpose is to describe and express a personal opinion about the item described.

We are going to divide the writing into three parts, and each of them should contain a certain type of information.

Look at these examples:

### RECOMMENDING A FILM / A BOOK

<b>Introduction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What are we recommending?</li> <li>What is its name?</li> <li>Who directed/wrote it?</li> <li>Short summary.</li> <li>Write a catchy introduction.</li> <li>Use 20-30 words.</li> </ul>	<b>Samples:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>.... is a <b>fascinating</b> science-fiction film directed by ... and placed on the moon. Three astronauts visit the <b>mysterious</b> satellite looking for new ways of life when something really <b>amazing</b> happens.</li> <li>.... is a <b>beautiful</b> romantic comedy starred by ..., who plays the role of a <b>lonely</b> writer who is not very successful in life, until he meets a <b>surprising</b> young woman who changes his life.</li> <li>.... is an adventure story whose protagonists are a group of <b>naughty</b> children who see one of their teachers becoming a <b>scary</b> alien.</li> <li>In my opinion, ... is <b>the best</b> thriller ever written. A <b>shy</b> little boy disappears in the woods one day, and everyone suspects his older brother, who is an <b>aggressive</b> bully at school.</li> </ol>
<b>Body</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explain the story but no spoilers</li> <li>Opinion on different aspects: characters, story itself, special effects, music, ...</li> <li>Every item is a new paragraph.</li> <li>Use 40-70 words.</li> </ul>	<b>Sample sentences:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>I love</b> the actors in this film. <b>What I think</b>, is that ... and ... are the best actors nowadays.</li> <li><b>From my point of view</b>, the characters in the story are really interesting. The writer makes them believable and different, giving a new perspective of what a romantic book is.</li> <li><b>My favourite</b> character is ... because she is good at sports/games/ ...</li> <li><b>I believe</b> this film is a good one because of the impressive special effects. It is fascinating to see the beautiful scenery of another planet as if it was real.</li> <li><b>In my opinion</b>, the story is well-developed and very well-written.</li> </ol>
<b>Final sentence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bad points.</li> <li>Final recommendation.</li> <li>Use 20-30 words.</li> </ul>	<b>Sample sentences:</b> <p><b>Bad points:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The film is sometimes a bit too long for my taste.</li> <li>The story is sometimes confusing and complicated.</li> </ol> <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Despite this, I strongly recommend watching it.</li> <li>However, reading this book is a total must.</li> </ol>

Your notes:

## RECOMMENDING A PLACE

<b>Introduction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are we recommending?</li> <li>• What is its name?</li> <li>• Where is it?</li> <li>• Write a catchy introduction.</li> <li>• Use 20-30 words.</li> </ul>	<b>Samples:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. .... is a <b>beautiful</b> little village located near the coast. It is one of the <b>niciest</b> places you can visit during the winter. It has a <b>calm</b> atmosphere and the streets are usually <b>quiet</b>.</li> <li>2. .... is a <b>lively</b> big city near the mountains, where there are always lots of things to see and do. Its <b>busy</b> streets are usually packed with people.</li> <li>3. This restaurant is the <b>best</b> I have ever been to. When you enter, you immediately feel comfortable, and the food is <b>delicious</b>.</li> </ol>
<b>Body</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opinion on different aspects: atmosphere, streets, people, colours, weather,...</li> <li>• Every item is a new paragraph.</li> <li>• Use 40-70 words.</li> </ul>	<b>Sample sentences:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>I love</b> its streets and houses, where you can see balconies full of plants and colourful flowers.</li> <li>2. <b>From my point of view</b>, the best things you can do there are outdoors. The architecture of some of its buildings is absolutely astounding.</li> <li>3. If you love shopping, <b>you are in the perfect place for it</b>.</li> <li>4. <b>The best landmark you can visit here is</b> the impressive ...</li> <li>5. <b>In my opinion</b>, you must try the traditional food here.</li> <li>6. <b>My favourite</b> food is pasta, and this is a place where you can find the best pasta in the area.</li> <li>7. <b>I believe</b> the decoration is original and makes you feel at home.</li> <li>8. <b>You shouldn't go home without</b> tasting their specialty: chocolate cake.</li> </ol>
<b>Final sentence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bad points.</li> <li>• Final recommendation.</li> <li>• Use 20-30 words.</li> </ul>	<b>Sample sentences:</b> <p><b>Bad points:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This city is sometimes a bit too busy for my taste.</li> <li>2. The village is sometimes too dull and with not much to do</li> </ol> <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Despite this, I strongly recommend visiting it.</li> <li>4. However, eating there is a total must.</li> </ol>

### Tips:

- Use extreme adjectives (hilarious, wonderful, stunning,...)
- Use connectors (however, although, because, so,...)

### Your notes: