# Writing an Online Book Review

## 1. What Makes a Good Review? 💻

Before you write a review, you need to know what belongs in one. Answer the questions below to test your knowledge.

**1.** In your own words, why are online book reviews helpful for other readers?

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**2.** Name one popular website where people can read or write book reviews.

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**3-8.** Read the features below. Put a tick (✓ ) if you **should** include it in a review, and a cross (✗ ) if you **should not**.

| No. | Feature | ✓ or ✗ |
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| **3.** | The title of the book and the author's name | |
| **4.** | The name of the main character(s) | |
| **5.** | The story of the *whole* book, including the secret ending | |
| **6.** | A description of part of the story to hook the reader | |
| **7.** | Exactly how the main character defeats the villain on the last page | |
| **8.** | Your honest opinion of the book (what you liked or disliked) | |

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## 2. Review Vocabulary: The Humans 👽

**9-13.** Complete the book review of *The Humans* using the words from the bank.

**Word bank: absolutely | alien | comfortable | main | professor**

I've just read a really funny novel called *The Humans*. It was written by English author Matt Haig. The **(9)** _____ character is an **(10)** _____ who finds himself in the body of a dead university **(11)** _____.
The alien is sent to Earth to destroy evidence that the professor had solved a big mathematical problem, but the alien soon finds himself learning more about the professor, his family, and the humans than he ever expected. When he becomes **(12)** _____ living with his family, who have no idea he's not the real Andrew, the alien must choose between returning home or finding a new home here on Earth. I**(13)** _____ loved it!

## 3. Spot the Spoiler! 🚫

🧠 **Remember:** A **spoiler** is information that gives away important plot details or the ending of a story. A good book review avoids spoilers!

**14-17.** Read the review extracts below. Decide if each one is a **Good Hook** (safe to include) or a **Spoiler** (ruins the surprise). Tick the correct box.

| Review Extract | Good Hook | Spoiler |
|---|---|---|
| **14.** Katniss must survive in the arena, but will she be able to make it out alive? | | |
| **15.** I couldn't believe it when we found out the hero's best friend was actually the villain the whole time! | | |
| **16.** The story follows a young wizard named Harry as he first discovers his magical powers. | | |

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| **17.** In the final chapter, the spaceship explodes and nobody survives. It was so sad! | | |

## 4. Plan Your Review 📝

**Think about a book you have read recently or a favourite book you know well. You are going to write a review of it. First, use this checklist to plan your ideas.**

**18.** What is the title of the book and who is the author?

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**19.** Who is the main character? Write 1-2 words to describe them.

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**20.** What happens in the story? (Give brief details, no spoilers!)

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**21.** What is your opinion of it? What did you like or dislike?

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## 5. Write Your Book Review ⭐

💡 Use the notes you made in Section 4 to write your full online book review below. Remember to check your spelling and grammar when you are finished!

**22.** Write your book review.

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