

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

Introduction • What are we recommending? • What is its name? • Who directed/wrote it? • Short summary. • Write a catchy introduction. • Use 20-30 words.	Samples: 1. is a fascinating science-fiction film directed by ... and placed on the moon. Three astronauts visit the mysterious satellite looking for new ways of life when something really amazing happens. 2. is a beautiful romantic comedy starred by ..., who plays the role of a lonely writer who is not very successful in life, until he meets a surprising young woman who changes his life. 3. is an adventure story whose protagonists are a group of naughty children who see one of their teachers becoming a scary alien. 4. In my opinion, ... is the best thriller ever written. A shy little boy disappears in the woods one day, and everyone suspects his older brother, who is an aggressive bully at school.
Body • Explain the story but no spoilers • Opinion on different aspects: characters, story itself, special effects, music, ... • Every item is a new paragraph. • Use 40-70 words.	Sample sentences: 1. I love the actors in this film. What I think, is that ... and ... are the best actors nowadays. 2. From my point of view, 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. 3. My favourite character is ... because she is good at sports/games/ ... 4. I believe 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. 5. In my opinion, the story is well-developed and very well-written.
Final sentence • Bad points. • Final recommendation. • Use 20-30 words.	Sample sentences: Bad points: 1. The film is sometimes a bit too long for my taste. 2. The story is sometimes confusing and complicated. Recommendation: 1. Despite this, I strongly recommend watching it. 2. However, reading this book is a total must.

Your notes:

RECOMMENDING A PLACE

Introduction • What are we recommending? • What is its name? • Where is it? • Write a catchy introduction. • Use 20-30 words.	Samples: 1. is a beautiful little village located near the coast. It is one of the niciest places you can visit during the winter. It has a calm atmosphere and the streets are usually quiet. 2. is a lively big city near the mountains, where there are always lots of things to see and do. Its busy streets are usually packed with people. 3. This restaurant is the best I have ever been to. When you enter, you immediately feel comfortable, and the food is delicious.
Body • Opinion on different aspects: atmosphere, streets, people, colours, weather,... • Every item is a new paragraph. • Use 40-70 words.	Sample sentences: 1. I love its streets and houses, where you can see balconies full of plants and colourful flowers. 2. From my point of view, the best things you can do there are outdoors. The architecture of some of its buildings is absolutely astounding. 3. If you love shopping, you are in the perfect place for it. 4. The best landmark you can visit here is the impressive ... 5. In my opinion, you must try the traditional food here. 6. My favourite food is pasta, and this is a place where you can find the best pasta in the area. 7. I believe the decoration is original and makes you feel at home. 8. You shouldn't go home without tasting their specialty: chocolate cake.
Final sentence • Bad points. • Final recommendation. • Use 20-30 words.	Sample sentences: Bad points: 1. This city is sometimes a bit too busy for my taste. 2. The village is sometimes too dull and with not much to do Recommendation: 3. Despite this, I strongly recommend visiting it. 4. However, eating there is a total must.

Tips:

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

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