4.7 Writing

A review on a blog

1 Read the review. Match paragraphs 1–5 with topics a–e.

a ☐ describing the performance
b [1] starting your review
c ☐ ending your review
d ☐ describing the story
e ☐ ending your blog post

– THE NEW REVIEW BLOG –



Little Women

1 Today, I'm going to tell you about a brilliant film I've just seen: *Little Women*. It's a 2019 film directed by Greta Gerwig.

2 The drama is based on a well-loved book by Louisa May Alcott and it tells the story of four sisters who are growing up in America. Life isn't easy for them, but they always help each other and never give up. It's a very inspiring story.

3 The actors all perform **brilliantly**. Saoirse Ronan is **particularly** good. Also, I **really** liked the costumes. I usually choose films with a lot of special effects. *Little Women* doesn't have any, but it's still **extremely** good.

4 I **absolutely** love the book, but the film is also very **well** done. I **highly** recommend it to anyone who likes drama, romance and an amazing story. It's one of the best films of the year.

5 What's the best film you've seen **recently**? Write about it below.

2 Write the adverbs. Then check your answers in bold in the review.

1	brilliant	*brilliantly*	5	absolute	_____
2	particular	_____	6	good	_____
3	real	_____	7	recent	_____
4	extreme	_____	8	high	_____

3 Choose the correct option.

1 We saw the new drama starring Emma Watson *recently* / *absolutely*.
2 The music is *brilliantly* / *particularly* good.
3 The main actor sings *brilliantly* / *extremely*.
4 The performance was going *absolutely* / *well* until the lights went out.
5 The reviews were *absolutely* / *recently* terrible.

4 Match the sentence halves.

1 [b] I've just seen a wonderful
2 ☐ You must see
3 ☐ It's the latest play
4 ☐ The story is about
5 ☐ The special effects

a to open on Broadway.
b ~~new comedy.~~
c were amazing.
d the new science fiction film.
e a man who is lost in the desert.

WRITING TIME

Write an online review of a film or TV show which is based on a book.

FIND IDEAS

Make notes about:
- where and when you saw it
- what it was about
- your opinion of it

PLAN AND WRITE

- Organise your ideas into paragraphs. Use the review in Exercise 1 to help you.
- Write a draft review.

CHECK

- Check language: did you use adjectives and adverbs of manner?
- Check grammar: did you use comparatives and superlatives correctly?
- Write the final version of your review.

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