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.

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 ✗
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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