

A stylized illustration of a bright yellow sun with a smiling face, partially obscured by blue and white clouds. The sun is positioned at the top center of the page, with its rays extending downwards. The clouds are scattered around the sun, with some appearing as solid blue shapes and others as white outlines.

Term 3
Week 2
English
Wednesday 20th
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Today and tomorrow you will be writing a book review of 'My Gran is a Werewolf'.

Why would we write a book review?

- ◊ To share our opinion of books
- ◊ To recommend a book that we liked
- ◊ To encourage others to read



Read some book reviews on
this site:

o www.spaghettibookclub.org/index.shtml

What do we include in the review?

- **Title – My Gran is a Werewolf**
- **Author – David Macphail**
- **Chapters/Pages – 5 chapters, 93 pages**



Pause now and write these details in your Home Learning book. Remember to include a title of Book Review



Your bit!

You will now be writing a short paragraph for each of the following sections:

- **The story**
- **The characters**
- **Highlights**
- **Weak bits**
- **Recommendation**



The story

- This is **WHAT** happens. You will need to describe the main events of the story (what happens in each chapter) but not give away the ending!
- You can also write a sentence about **WHERE** and **WHEN** the story takes place

Read a couple of examples of how to write this first paragraph on the next slide.



Varjak Paw

Varjak Paw is a pampered pet cat who knows there's more to life. His family tease him and don't understand his adventurous spirit. He is soon forced to venture beyond the garden wall to save his family from the mysterious and dangerous 'gentleman' and his two evil hench-cats.

Holes

Written by Louis Sachar

Stanley Yelnats has never been very lucky. That's because he is under a curse, a curse that started with his no-good-dirty-rotten-pig-stealing great-great-grandfather. Stanley is unjustly accused of stealing! He is sent to Camp Green Lake, where there is a dried-up lake, and a myriad of holes. Stanley is forced to dig holes to build character. The holes must be five feet wide, and five feet deep.

Soon, Stanley realizes that he is not digging holes to improve his character. Someone is looking for something, hidden somewhere in the dry expanse that was once a sea-green lake. Then, something happens to his best friend, and Stanley ends up on the most dangerous and amazing journey of his life.

My Gran is a Werewolf

Here is a reminder of the main events of each chapter in the story:

- **Chapter 1** – Jess is being looked after by Gran. Gran starts to behave strangely. A werewolf is in Jess' house. She manages to lure it into the garden shed and lock it in.
- **Chapter 2** – Stamper and his goons come searching for the werewolf. Jess realises the werewolf is Gran. Jess goes to a talk about werewolves by Jacob Galleon and Stamper turns up.
- **Chapter 3** - Jess finds out that Jacob Galleon knows about a potion cure even though he is a fake. Stamper wants to destroy all evidence of the cure. Jess and her family go to the Wool Exhibition and Gran creates chaos with her strange behaviour.
- **Chapter 4** – Jess gathers the ingredients for the cure and waits for the full moon to give it to Gran. Stamper has tracked down Gran, so Jess and Jacob come up with a plan to distract them. Gran drinks the potion.
- **Chapter 5** – Another werewolf appears and scare away Stamper. It turns out to be Mum! Apparently being a werewolf runs in the family. Mum and Gran have a safe place they can hide every full moon. But then something strange starts to happen to Jess...



Use the main events on the previous slide to write your book review paragraph about the story.

Write a subheading of Story in your book first.

The characters

Or WHO is in the book. To help you describe the characters, first jot down these details:

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|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ○ Name of character | For example: |
| ○ Role | ○ Jess |
| ○ Adjectives to describe them | ○ Schoolgirl, main character |
| | ○ Determined, |

Read the next slide to see how you can write a paragraph to describe the main characters.



Varjak Paw

Varjak is a plucky little cat, out to learn about life. He teams up with Holly, a spiky city cat who knows the dangers of the mean streets and Tam, a quality sidekick who is always hungry. Cludge is the last member of Varjak's team and is a hero - a big brown dog who strikes fear in those who don't stop to get to know him. In the city the snow white gang boss Sally Bones is truly terrifying; her claws are sharp and her one blue eye sees all.

Holes

My favorite characters were Kate Barlow and Zero Zeroni. Kate Barlow was a brave woman with opinions of her own and the love of Onion Sam to keep her dreams alive. Zero was one of the boys at Camp Green Lake. He hardly ever spoke, so everyone thought he was stupid. He was really very smart, and turned out to be a great friend.



Write a paragraph about the main characters in the story:

- Jess
- Gran
- Stamper
- Jacob Galleon
 - Mum

Write a subheading of Characters in your book first.