



Term 3
Week 2
English
Thursday 21st
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Today you will finish writing your book review of 'My Gran is a Werewolf'.

○ The story

○ The characters

○ Highlights

○ Weak bits

○ Recommendation



These are the sections you will write today.



Highlights

- This is where you describe your favourite part of the book. Was there a particular piece of action, description or characters' speech you really enjoyed?

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



Varjak Paw

There are lots of highlights in this book: the dream sequences, Varjak's first encounter with "dogs", the really gripping and blood-curdling fight scenes. Dave McKean's quirky illustrations add to the atmosphere of menace.

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows

It was a thrilling end to the Harry Potter series. I love how well developed the characters are. They're more interesting than they were in the beginning of the series. The writing makes you feel like you're there. This was one of the best books I've read because it concludes the saga of Harry Potter.



Write a paragraph about the highlights of the story. Write a subheading of Highlights in your book first.



Weak bits

- Were there any chapters where you found yourself wishing for some action to liven up the plot? Any unrealistic characters? Any descriptions or chapters that you felt weren't very good?

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

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Varjak Paw

There aren't really any weak bits in the book. Even if you don't like cats you can still enjoy this - it's more about personalities, being small in a big city and there's lots of action.

You're Amazing Mr Jupiter

There are a few cheesy lines, such as when Nick tried to whistle "*Walk like a Man*. But the way Nick whistled it, it didn't sound like that. It came out like *Crawl Like a Worm*." But such lines are few and far between and don't spoil the story.



Write a paragraph about the weak bits of the story. Write a subheading of Weak Bits in your book first.



Recommendation

- Did you grab the book whenever you had a spare moment? Did you read it rather than playing computer games or watching TV? Or did you read the first chapter before letting it gather dust on your bookshelf?
- This is your just to recommend (or not!) the book. If you really enjoyed it, make your recommendation memorable!

Here are a couple of examples of how to write your recommendation.

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows

I think that anyone who likes fantasy books would like this book. I believe many people should read it. It's the best book I've ever read. It has got action, drama and suspense. You won't be able to put it down. It is the perfect end to the Harry Potter series.

Holes

I loved this book. It had adventure, romance, and comedy. I think that both boys and girls would like it, because it's about a lot of different characters. When I read this book, I felt many different emotions. Sometimes I laughed, and other times I cried, and every once in a while, I squeaked like a mouse, scared or excited for the characters as if I were right there with them.



Write a paragraph about your recommendation. Write a subheading of Recommendation in your book first.



**You have now completed your
book review.**

Read back through your review and check:

- **You have capital letters at the start of sentences and for the names of characters.**
- **You have full stops or exclamation marks at the end of sentences.**
- **Your sentences make sense – you haven't missed out any words.**



Extra Challenge

Can you design a book cover for the story?

The front will need to include:

- The book title
- The author's name (David Macphail)
- The illustrator's name (you!!)
- A picture/pictures

The back cover will need to have:

- A blurb
- Some recommendations

Have a look at
some book
covers at
home for
inspiration!