

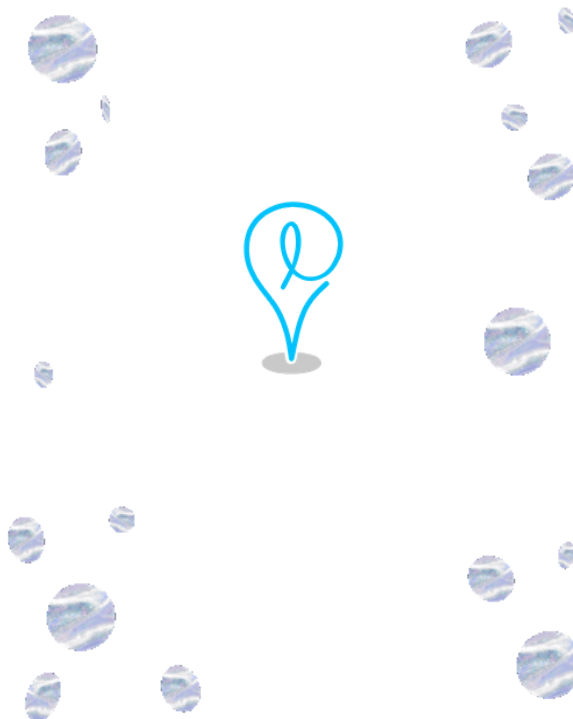
WRITING FOR B2

Lesson 7

REVIEWS



Lessons Around the World



REVIEWS

1. We write for a website or a magazine.
2. The purpose is to describe and express our personal opinion about something we have experienced. (a concert, a book we have read, a film or a hotel where we have stayed.)
3. It usually includes a recommendation.

REVIEWS - FORMAT

1. TITLE
2. Paragraph 1 - INTRODUCTION
3. Paragraphs 2-3 - DEVELOP YOUR IDEAS (If there are questions, answer them.)
4. Paragraph 4 - CONCLUSION - INCLUDE A RECOMMENDATION

REVIEWS ARE SEMIFORMAL

1. Semi-Formal Vocabulary and Expressions.
2. Semi-Formal Linkers.
3. We can use contractions (Aren't - Are not)
4. We can use questions.
5. We can use a relaxed tone, and be personal as we describe objects, people or situations.

SPECIAL EXPRESSIONS

Saying what you liked/disliked

- What I liked/disliked most was...
- The thing I liked most was...
- I was pleasantly surprised by...
- I was disappointed by/with...

Recommendations

- Overall, if you like comedies, you will enjoy watching...
- You really must visit this art gallery.
- I would definitely recommend this book because...
- If you have a chance to watch this film, don't miss it.
- It's a great plan for teenagers.
- I do not recommend this restaurant because...
- This book is not recommendable for children because...

Expressions for Film Reviews

- Mention the Type of Film
- Characters - Actors - Performances
- Visual, Special and Sound Effects
- The script - The plot
- Music /Soundtrack
- Is the ending unpredictable?
- Based on a true story
- Star - Starring

Expressing your opinion.

- I found the plot very interesting.
- The characters are appealing, and true to life.
- The lessons are well-organised and clear.
- The sound quality was really bad.
- The dancers were brilliant.

Words for Book reviews

- The book is written by...
- The author describes...
- The characters are...
- A bestseller
- The plot / the atmosphere
- The story is set in.../takes place in...
- Chapters
- Include the Type of Book

Expressions for hotels or restaurants

- Location
- Service
- Setting
- Facilities
- Owned by/ Run by
- Head Chef - Waiters
- Staff at reception
- Reasonable Prices
- Good/Excellent/Poor value for money
- It's not worth paying such a high price...
- to book in advance

Task #1

You see this advertisement in a student website.

Reply with an review (140-190 words.)

MUSIC REVIEWS WANTED

Have you seen a good online concert recently?

If you have, write a review and tell us about the band or the singer and their performance.

Would you recommend watching that concert online?

We will publish the best reviews next month.

Task #2

You see this advertisement in a student website.

Reply with an review (140-190 words.)

TV SHOWS REVIEWS

Have you seen any good sitcoms or TV shows lately?

Which would you recommend? Why? Tell us about the story, the characters and what you liked about it.

We will publish the best reviews next month.