

Writing a Film Review

Imagine that your review is to be posted on an Internet film website. It will be read by people of all ages. It should be between 500- 700 words.

1. Film title. You could also include a **star rating** here.
2. Introduction: what you expected from the film
3. Genre: what type of film is it? Does it have a message?
4. Plot: what happens in the film? Does the plot make sense? Is it easy enough to follow? Is it believable?
5. Characters: Who are the main characters and what are they like? Who are the actors playing these parts, and are they good in the parts?
6. What is the camerawork/ animation like? If there are special effects, what are they like? Are there beautiful scenes? Are there moments when the camera is used in an interesting way?
7. Did you enjoy the film? Why/why not? What were its good and bad points?
8. Write about a scene you particularly enjoyed or remembered. Why was it good/ memorable?
9. Would you recommend this film? To what sorts of people? Why?
10. Are there any other films you can compare this film to?

When you have completed your planning by answering all the questions, you should write the review. Remember:

- Set your work out in **paragraphs**
- Take care with **spelling** and **punctuation**
- Make the review **interesting** to read by choosing your language carefully
- Write in the **first person** and try to **address the reader directly**. For example: 'I urge **you** to go and see this film- it's brilliant!'
- Write in a style that is informal, but **not too informal**.

Look at IMDB for examples.