

IV WRITING

WRITING REVIEW OF BOOKS

Thinking About Your Book

At the upper primary level – How to encourage and initiate children towards writing review of books.

Stories are fun to read. They are fun to write. Stories are also fun to share with others. When you read a good book, you often want to tell your friends about its *plot, charactes and setting*. Those three parts help you to read and write a story. You can also use them to report on a book. A book report helps you remember the book, lets you share it with others, and can help you learn how to express your thoughts in writing.

A book report tell us about a story in two or three summary paragraphs. The summary tells enough about the story to interest to reader, but it doesn't give away the whole story.

Follow these steps to write a book report:

1. Write the title and author of the book. Remember to underline the title.
2. In the first paragraph describe the main character and the setting where he/she lives. The summary paragraph should state what the main character says and does, and what the author says about the character.
3. State one or two important events that happened in the story. This second paragraph is also a summary paragraph.

Writing Your Own Book Report

Choose a book that you have read and liked. Take notes on the parts of the book that you will use in your book report.

1. Write the title and author of the book.
2. Write a summary paragraph that describes the main character.

State what the character says and does. Also mention the setting where the character lives.

3. Write a summary paragraph about the plot of the book. Bringout about one or two important events that happen in the story.

Edit Your Book Report

1. Did you write the title and author of the book?
2. Did you describe the main character, and the setting?
3. Did you write a summary paragraph about the plot?
4. Did you indent the first sentence of each paragraph?
5. Did you begin your sentences with a capital letters?
6. Did you end your sentences with the correct punctuation?
7. Did you spell your words correctly?

At your level (Trainees level)

Take up the book review section in the newspapers. Read the reviews thoroughly. You can write reviews of any two books you read recently or you liked very much.

Here is an excerpt of a Book Review- KADAVULIN KUZHANTHAICAL – Autobiography: C.C. Vijayakumari; Sivasakthi Kakkum Karangal, 3/16, Ponniyamman Koil Street, Alapakkam, Porur, Chennai – 600 116, Rs. 250 – The Review was done by Mr.P. Sundaresan – *The Hindu*, Tuesday, February 19, 2008.

Vijayakumari, the epitome of self- confidence and devotion to a cause, speaks her mind through her autobiography. Her great journey through life was beset with trials and tribulations right from her infancy. When conscience smote the teenager for being discriminated against, she quit her parental home with the guts of the “Pudumaippenn” conceived by Bharati. Vijaya turned a live wire wedded only to her work having been reckoned as an instrument of God. The book full of the philosophy of life dilates on his belief. By her own choosing, she lives and works for the

mentally challenged whom she calls children of God as well as destitute senior citizens. And she scored a hat trick by running a chain of Sivasakthi Homes in Chennai, Bangalore and Singadivakkam village on the outskirts of Kancheepuram. Focus is on the invaluable services being volunteered by humanitarians. Not to speak of the dedicated board of trustees. There is a loud thinking that translation of this in other languages will go a long way to further the cause

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Answer the following questions

1. Write a review of any one book you read recently or you liked very much.
2. What are the steps involved in Book Reviewing?