

Book/Film Review

Paragraph plan

Useful language

<p>Effective openings</p>	<p><i>This is one of the best novels I have ever read</i> <i>If you only read one book this year, this should be it.</i> <i>'...' is the sort of book that grabs your attention from the first few lines.</i></p>
<p>Paragraph 1: Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - summarise all the background information of the book/film, etc (i.e. title, name of author/director, type, setting, etc) 	<p><i>The film/book tells the story of...</i> <i>The film/story is set in...</i> <i>The book/novel was written by...</i> <i>The film is directed by...</i> <i>It is a comedy/horror film/love story.</i></p>
<p>Paragraph 2: Main points of the plot.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - present them in chronological order. 	<p><i>The story concerns/is about/begins...</i> <i>The plot is (rather) boring/thrilling.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use a range of adjectives to describe the plot: (un)exciting, action-packed, full of unexpected events, slow-moving, fast-moving, realistic, confusing, far-fetched, (un)predictable, (un)interesting, (un)believable, full of twists and turns... <p><i>The plot has an unexpected twist.</i></p>
<p>Paragraph 3: General comments on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the plot - the main characters - the acting - the directing... 	<p><i>It is rather long/boring/confusing/slow.</i> <i>The cast is excellent/awful/unconvincing.</i> <i>The script is dull/exciting.</i> <i>It is beautifully/poorly/badly written.</i> <i>It has a tragic/dramatic end.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use a range of adjectives to describe characters: emotional, aggressive, (in)sensitive, thoughtful, thoughtless, (un)selfish, generous, kind, evil, (dis)honest, helpful, helpless, understanding, deceitful, good-humoured, optimistic, pessimistic, annoying, forgetful, (un)attractive.
<p>Paragraph 4: Conclusion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - in which you recommend or do not recommend the book/film/play/etc, giving reasons to support your recommendation. 	<p><i>Don't miss it. It is well worth seeing.</i> <i>I wouldn't recommend it because...</i> <i>I highly/thoroughly recommend it.</i> <i>It's bound to be a box-office hit.</i> <i>Wait until it comes out on DVD.</i> <i>It's a highly entertaining read.</i> <i>It's a bore to read.</i></p>