

# USEFUL LANGUAGE FOR YOUR BOOK REVIEW

- ❑ Bear in mind that some of the expressions below might be used in more than one paragraph.
- ❑ Choose expressions you feel comfortable with and that can help you word your ideas. They must serve a purpose. Don't simply copy them.
- ❑ Support your ideas with specific examples from the book

PARAGRAPH 1	<p><u>1 Author and title + intended audience + type of book:</u> <i>(Think of the purpose of the story)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❑ XXX was written by XXX</li><li>❑ This book is addressed to...</li><li>❑ This is a mystery / horror / fantasy / historical book with lots of...</li><li>❑ A thrilling tale about good versus evil; kindness versus selfishness</li><li>❑ An action packed tale</li><li>❑ This non fiction book is written for a general audience / children....</li><li>❑ A fast, funny and really satisfying story about...</li><li>❑ Part fantasy thriller, part drama and part teenage love story, this novel....</li><li>❑ Part social satire, part mystery with a healthy dose of, comedy and angst.</li><li>❑ It is about friendship / trouble at school / coping with...</li></ul>
PARAGRAPH 2	<p><u>2 Summary in 40 - 60 words mentioning characters and setting if it is relevant:</u> <i>(Who, where and when)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❑ The story, narrated in ... person, is written through the eyes of...</li><li>❑ After _____-ing, ...</li><li>❑ It is set in XIVth century rural England...</li></ul>
PARAGRAPH 3	<p><u>3 Your favourite parts?</u> <i>(2 or more sentences)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❑ Each chapter is more exciting than the last one, but if I have to choose one...</li><li>❑ My favourite part is the bit when...</li><li>❑ Another bit I really enjoyed...</li><li>❑ The bit I found most interesting / thought-provoking / entertaining / ...</li></ul>

#### 4 Comments: (your evaluation in 3 or more sentences)

- A great, funny and gripping book
- I couldn't stop reading it
- It is a fascinating story
- This is a remarkable story
- It is mysterious, strange and, at one point, worrying
- It is a sad but well written tale of...
- It's a great story, with lots of pace, lots of familiar situations, and a little bit of magic.
- A marvellous, creepy, wise and funny story
- This was a great book to read
- This book is quite funny but most of all freaky
- It is also sad and exciting
- It is wonderful / easy to read
- The story soon gets the reader involved
- The language is very realistic
- The similes and metaphors are vivid (and witty)
- The dialogues are very realistic and this makes it easy to be inside the story
- One of the best things about the book is the way the author gets you to know ...
- It has a good story line
- This book is amazing down to the last page
- It's easy to read and difficult to forget.
- XXX keeps it simple; (s)he creates her characters and lets them tell their stories.
- the author is [*serious, humorous, witty, ironic, sentimental, moralizing, compassionate, pessimistic, cynical, nostalgic, satirical, critical, etc*] in his attitude toward [THEME / SUBJECT]
- The title really helps define the plot.
- A humorous look at ....., with imaginative use of language to create an amusing set of characters and plot, this book....
- This book is both hilarious and educational,
- The book is full of [irreverent / black / dry / gentle / schoolboy / deadpan] humour.
- The text is supported by dramatic illustrations
- The witty illustrations capture the conflict perfectly
- ...with great vibrant illustrations
- The illustrations are delightful
- the illustrations of ... are particularly amusing / charming.
- ...with lively black-and-white illustrations
- The illustrations are suitably expressive and the comic style will engage readers
- The illustrations are bursting with life
- Very expressive drawings illustrate the changing moods of...
- Written in various fonts with humorous black and white illustrations/cartoons throughout, ...
- I found the book slow at first but after a while
- The quirky humour and enigmatic ending will probably leave some readers confused but others delighted.
- ...packed with warmth and gentle humour.
- The book made me feel...
- (A character) reminded me of... / the setting reminded me of...
- I couldn't put the book down because...
- The book contains vivid images and symbols which reveal a \_\_\_\_-ist perspective.
- The main conflict, ..., is intelligently solved in an unexpected end.
- The narrative structure is simple / is complex with different subplots leading to...
- Curiosity is aroused by the smart use of dilemmas / irony / foreshadowing / flashbacks...
- The setting is presented with photographic detail / through a few suggestive details / indirectly through thoughts and actions

#### 5 Would you recommend this book to others? (If so, who to? Explain why) 2 or more sentences

- In my opinion this book should be read by ..... year olds
- Children will be simply delighted with it.
- I would gladly recommend you all, no matter what age, to read...
- I would recommend it to anyone who enjoys mystery
- I would highly recommend it to anyone
- Everyone will find something to appreciate
- I think that ages from 10 up will probably enjoy it
- I think this book is perfect for people of my age because...
- I don't think this book is suitable for children of my age because...
- It will leave readers with a great deal to think about.