

WRITING REVIEWS

When you write a review about a book, you need to include the **author's name**, the **title** of the book and the **reasons** you enjoy or dislike a book. Think about the characters, the plot and the setting. Sometimes a **summary** of the plot of the book is also written.

Write a review on a book you have enjoyed reading. Give at least four reasons why it is your favourite. Use specific details found in the book or write down any feelings you had while reading the book.

My Favourite Book

_____ is my favourite book on my shelf.

It is a _____ written by _____.

Four Reasons Why I Enjoyed Reading This Book

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Write a **report** on the **newspaper** you enjoy reading. Give at least **four reasons** why it is your **favourite**. Describe the **layout** of the newspaper or anything that **holds your attention** when you read it.

My Favourite Newspaper

_____ is my favourite newspaper. I like reading it very much.

Four Reasons Why I Enjoy Reading This Newspaper

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ANSWERS TO WRITING REVIEWS

'The Attack of the Martians' is my favourite book on my shelf. It is a science fiction story written by Daniel V Dhale.

1. My favourite part of the book is when the Martians first attacked planet Earth. There was a huge explosion when their spaceship landed and the spaceship created a huge crater in the ground. This part of the book is very exciting. It is the most gripping part of the story because the people had no idea what the Martians were like and were therefore very frightened of them.
2. I like the part when the Martians started to attack the people because it showed how difficult it was to decide who was good and who was evil. The Martians had landed on Earth only because they wanted to explore the place. They had no evil intentions. However, because of the way they looked and the damage that their spaceship had done to mankind, the people were very eager to drive them out. They began taunting them and annoying them so much that the Martians had no choice but to retaliate.
3. I find the part where the young boy helped the baby Martian very touching. Just when everyone was ecstatic about chasing away the Martians and injuring their young, the young boy ran out without thinking about his own safety to tend to the baby Martian. It shows that the people did have a heart and not everyone of them was evil and ruthless, trying to drive the Martians away.
4. This book also provides me with important scientific knowledge and other general information about the geography of the world. I have learnt new words like 'crust', 'crater' and 'terminate'.

'The Straits Times' is my favourite newspaper. I like reading it very much.

5. It provides me with up-to-date information about what is happening internationally and locally. When I do not have the time to watch the news on television, I can always get the information from the newspaper.
6. The headlines are often interesting and are about urgent current issues. Since there are so many different things happening around the world, it is important for me to know which of them are the most important. I can find out by looking at the headlines. The headlines can either be on local or foreign news.
7. I like the colourful pictures that accompany the articles in the newspaper. The pictures are very useful because sometimes when I do not understand what the article is about, I can look at the pictures and read the captions below.
8. My favourite part of the newspaper is the comics section. I like this part because it makes the newspaper more interesting. Besides the serious articles, there are also comics that can make me laugh. Reading them in the morning before I go to school always brightens up my day.

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George's Magical World **Sam E Perry**

This book is about a young boy's fantasy in another world whenever he is left alone to play in his room. George is six years old and he is often sent to his room to play with his toys when his parents are too busy to play with him. In the beginning, he is upset and frustrated about being all alone. However, he soon gets used to it and he invents stories as he plays with his toy cars, lorries and trains. One day, while he is playing, he sees an orange glow at the corner of his room. The inquisitive boy decides to investigate and he picks up a soft smooth ball that glows in his hand. He tries to bounce it but when he does, the ball disintegrates and his entire room is transformed into a magical kingdom of fairies, gnomes and pixies. He goes on one adventure after another in his fantasy world as he races to save the pixies from evil characters like a wicked witch, a cunning wizard and a ruthless king. Each time his adventure ends, the kingdom disappears and he is back in his own room with the glowing orange ball in the corner. Even if he gets into misadventure, he is clever enough to think of interesting ways to solve the problems.