

How to choose a good book!

Part 1 - How to choose a good book!

Have you ever chosen a book for school work, and found it boring? Why did you choose it? You probably didn't verify some important elements.

Choosing a book in the library is almost the same as choosing a new pair of shoes in a store. Let's see how.



1. What is the purpose of buying those shoes: for running, walking, biking, racing, play tennis or basketball?

- What type of story you want or need to read: adventure, biography, fantasy, historical, scary, sports, etc.

2. When you shop for shoes, you look at their appearance - how do they look?

- When you are looking for a book, you probably look at the illustrations and the title (appearance).

3. You are wondering who made the shoe, which brand it is.

- Have you read other books by this author?
- Do you enjoy his writing style?

4. You then look at the shoe closer to see exactly what it looks like on the inside and out.

- You open the front cover or look at the back cover to read the summary.

5. When you seem satisfied about the shoe, you try it on - How does it fit?

- You open the book and read a few paragraphs on the first page. How does the writing seem? Does it “fit” you?

6. You walk around in the store to see if the shoe fits well.

- You try the book: Open the book in the middle and start reading. If there are too many words you don't know the meaning of, this book doesn't fit you.

Now, put into practice what you learned. Pick a book that fits you well and read it. Take notes while you read. You will need it for your book review.



**Just love my
new shoes.
They fit me
so well!**



**This book is
perfect for me!**

Book review



Part B - How to write a review!

Definition: A review is “a critical appraisal of a book, play, movie, exhibition, etc. published in a newspaper, a magazine or online.” (Google definition)

Purpose: “Reviews provide companies with a great opportunity. The opportunity to see what their customers see, and work harder to improve as a whole.” (Google definition) It would also help you make your own opinion.

You have found your book and read it. You want to review and rate this book. How many stars will you give it? Let’s learn how to write a review.

1. Start by **writing a line that catches the audience’s attention**, so they will continue reading your review instead of scrolling down.

- It can start with a question: “Have you ever thought about ... ?”

2. Share any general information about the book that is important for readers to know.

- title
- author
- year of publishing

3. Share a **bit of the story**, but don’t spoil the ending. You want the audience to read the book.

4. Write your personal impression. It is the most important part of your review.

- Simply saying the book was good or bad, or that you liked it or didn't, isn't helpful. People should know why you think it's a great read or why you didn't enjoy it.
- Sharing these details will help them form their own opinion on whether or not they would enjoy reading the book.

6. Give your rating: how many stars do you give this book?

7. Read the [first four reviews](#) about the novel **Mystery of Lake Placid**.

- What do you think about each review? Do they respect the reviews' characteristics you just learned? Explain each of them.

Before writing your own review about the book you just read, read some more on [Google](#). These are some for sports fiction, but search for your interests. It might inspire you.

Before publishing, remember to proofread. You have to be honest, but respect the author. Imagine if it was your book being reviewed, how would you want a reader to express his critique?



This book
deserves 5 stars!



For your great work, I give you

as well!