

# Currently, in lessons you are reading a play. Linked to this, we are now going to write a <u>review</u> of the play you are currently studying.



# Lesson 1



## Learning objectives:

# To develop an understanding of what makes an effective review.



## DRILL

# What do you already know about writing a review? Write down everything you already know.

We will build on this in today's lesson.

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https://youtu.be/kUxm1tDhO2g

Watch the clip. Make notes about what you learn about REVIEW WRITING.

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#### Where is it set? What is it about?

**Opinion – what's bad? What's good? Include specific details.** 

## What's the structure?

Further details – more opinion.

Overall verdict/opinion. Do you advise people to go and see it?





## Stop and Jot: What makes an effective review?

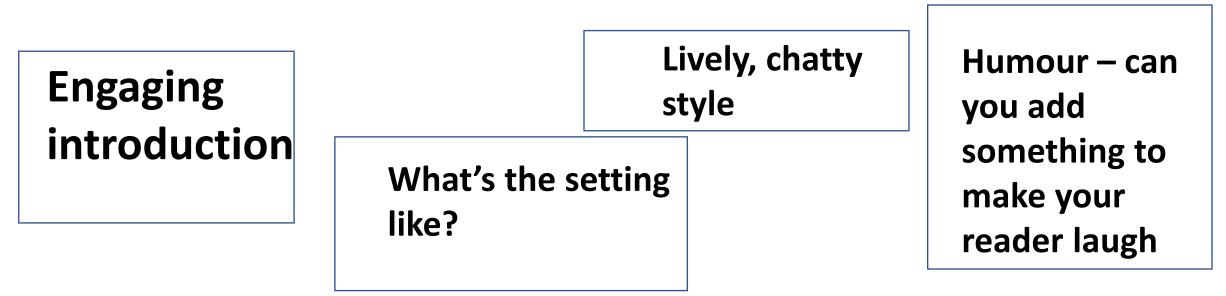
### Think about adjectives

Include information about what happens in the PLOT and CHARACTERS



## Include your opinion

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# Lesson 2



## Learning objectives:

## To apply your knowledge by writing a review about the play you are currently studying.



## DRILL

## What do you remember about review writing from last lesson? Write down everything you remember.

### A review should include:



- A lively introduction which clearly sets out what you're writing about.
- 3 developed paragraphs:
  Plot what happens?
  Characters
  Good bits adjectives to match/bad bits adjectives to match
- Ideas and language suitable for the lively and chatty style.
- End with a conclusion/verdict 5 STARS

#### Use the grid to plan your ideas...



PLAN		
Paragraph 1	Paragraph 2	Paragraph 3
What happens in the play?	Ae there any characters you like or don't like? Can you give some specific details about the characters and what they do?	What is your favourite bit? Can you explain why? What's your worst bit? Can you explain why?



## WRITE YOUR REVIEW...



Read your REVIEW out to someone else in your house.

Does it make sense? What needs to change? What would make it better?

**RE-DRAFT.**