

Writing a Review

IGCSE English ■ Topic 7

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What we will cover

- 1 Describe & judge
- 2 Support your opinions
- 3 Structure
- 4 End with a recommendation



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Approach

Describe and judge

- **describe** 描述: what the film, book or place **is** like
- **judge**: your **opinion** 观点 – **balance** both

Support every judgement with a concrete detail.



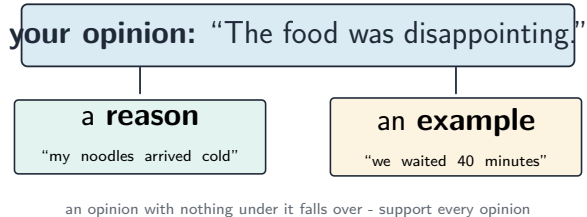
Review: describe, judge, and recommend

Support your opinions



Give reasons & examples from your experience to make your view believable.

Support your opinions



Structure and recommendation

What I'm reviewing

Describe & evaluate 评价

Recommendation 建议

Write in a friendly but clear style for a general reader.

End with a clear recommendation:
*"I'd recommend this to anyone
who likes adventure."*

Structure and recommendation

Last week I tried the new Star Café ...

★★★★☆

describe what it is like	judge your opinion + reasons
recommendation "I would recommend it to anyone who ..."	

start by saying **what**
you are reviewing

balance the two: facts
about it, then what you
think, with reasons and
examples

end with clear **advice**:
try it, or not?

2

Recap

Worked example – a balanced review

Improve this review line: “The film was good. I liked it. You should watch it.”

- “Good” and “liked” give **no information** – a review must say **why**.
- A good review is **balanced**: praise **and** criticism make it trustworthy.
- “The acting is superb – Chen makes every silence count – though the ending is rushed and left me unconvinced.”
- Finish with a clear **recommendation**, and say **who** would enjoy it.

Replace every “good” with a **reason** and an **example**. A review that praises everything reads like an advert; **one honest criticism** makes the praise believable.

Topic 7 – key takeaways

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Two jobs

describe the thing & judge it

2

Support

back opinions with reasons & examples

3

Structure

name it, describe & evaluate, recommend

4

End

a clear recommendation

Check yourself

- 1 What two things does a review do?
- 2 How do you make your opinion believable?
- 3 What style suits a review?
- 4 How should a review end?



Answers 1. describe & judge it 2. give reasons & examples 3. friendly but clear
4. with a clear recommendation