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Writing

Spotlight 9
Module 5e

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Emails reviewing books, films

Read the new words and phrases.

all in all (phr) в общем и целом

author (n) автор

background (n) подоплека

character (n) герой (книги, фильма)

comment (n) комментарий, мнение

consist of (phr v) состоять из

director (n) режиссер

disappointing (adj) разочаровывающий

dull (adj) скучный

evil (adj) злой, злобный

evil (n) зло

evil genius (phr) злой гений

exciting (adj) захватывающий

fairy (n) фея

fantasy (n) фэнтези, фантазия

fast-paced (adj) быстро развивающийся

irritating (adj) раздражающий

kidnap (v) похищать

Likeable (adj) приятный, милый

main (adj) главный

precise (adj) точный

recommendation (n) совет, рекомендация

rescue (v) спасти

review (v/n) 1. писать отзыв; 2. отзыв

satisfying (adj) удовлетворительный

senior officer (phr) старший офицер

shallow (adj) поверхностный

slow-paced (adj) медленно развивающийся

summary (n) краткое изложение, резюме

surprising (adj) неожиданный, удивительный

theme (n) зд. основная идея, мысль

unexpected (adj) неожиданный

unimaginative (adj) лишенный воображения

upside down (adv) вверх ногами

variety (n) разнообразие

versus (prep) против

well-developed (adj) хорошо сформировавшийся

Read the theory box. Emails reviewing books, films.

Reviews are short descriptions of books, films, plays, TV programmes, etc.

They are usually written on websites/in magazines/newspapers, etc.

or as part of a letter to inform readers and to give them your opinion/
recommendation about whether or not they should read the book, see the play, etc.



Present tenses are usually used and a variety of adjectives to make your comments clearer and more precise. A review usually consists of:

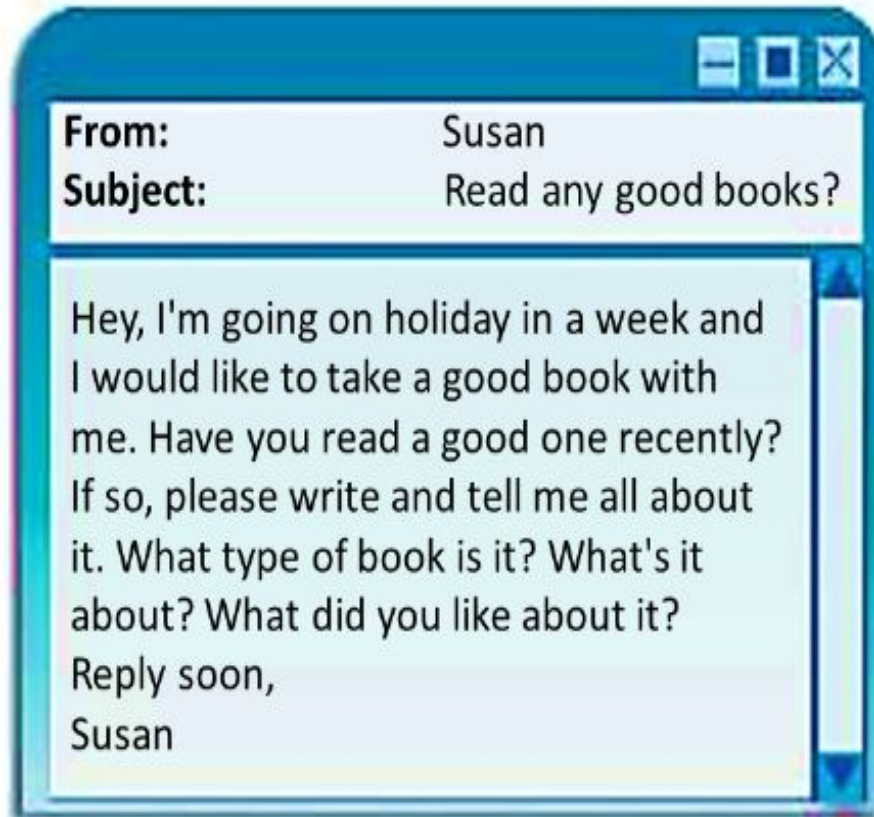
- **an introduction** giving background information about the book/film, etc., e.g. the title, type (*adventure, horror, comedy, thriller, etc.*), the name of author/director.
- **a main body** consisting of two paragraphs (one giving a summary of the plot, the other general comments on the plot, main characters, etc.).
- **a conclusion** recommending or not recommending the book/film, etc., giving reasons to support your recommendation.

Look at the list of adjectives below. Which are positive/negative/neutral in meaning?

intriguing, mysterious, clever, interesting, well-written, well- developed, fast-paced, slow- paced, predictable, funny, unimaginative, exciting	PLOT
mysterious, clever, interesting, likeable, irritating, dull, evil, unusual, shallow, well- developed	CHARACTERS
slow-paced, dull, unusual, predictable, unexpected, disappointing, exciting, surprising, satisfying	BEGINNING/ENDING

Read the rubric and answer the questions.

You have just received the following email from a friend:



- 1) What is the purpose of the email?
- 2) What do you have to write?
- 3) What kind of information should you include?
- 4) What style will you write in? Why?

Write your reply to Susan's email (120-180 words).

Read the email and match the paragraphs (1-4) to the descriptions (A-D).

From: Julie Banks

Subject: RE: Read any good books?

Hi Susan!

1) ___ I bet you can't wait to go on holiday! Don't worry about which book to take because I've just read a brilliant fantasy thriller set in Ireland. It's called Artemis Fowl and it's by my favourite author, Eoin Colfer.

2) ___ Let me tell you a bit about the book. Basically, it's a fairy tale for our times. It's about a fairy police officer called Captain Holly Short who is kidnapped by the twelve-year-old evil genius, Artemis Fowl. He wants the fairies to pay a lot of gold to get her back. Unfortunately for Artemis, Holly Short is a member of the fairy secret police and her senior officer will do anything to rescue her.

3) ___ So, as you can imagine, the plot is very exciting and fast-paced and it is very funny, too. The characters are also well developed. There is a lot of action and interesting high-tech gadgets. The theme of good versus evil is strong throughout.

4) ___ Well, that's about it. All in all, Artemis Fowl is an excellent book that I think is very well written. I couldn't put it down from the very first page! I would definitely recommend that you read it. Have a great holiday!

Julie

- A** general comments on the book **B** reason for writing/background information
C summary of plot **D** opinion/recommendation with reasons



- **Задание № 3, 4 (выучить алгоритм написания отзыва).**
- **Прочитать, перевести инструкцию, отзыв на книгу. р.82, ех.2,3**
- **р.83, ех.5(выучить)**