

04 Covid Chronicle - Entertainment section

Newspapers and news websites are made up of different sections about different topics. Today you are going to write an article for the entertainment section. Often entertainment sections review shows, books, plays and TV programs - telling the reader a little bit about what happens, what they like and don't like about it and giving it a rating out of 5 stars.

You can choose to do one or more reviews of:

- A book you have read recently.
- A TV series (a set of programs with multiple episodes e.g. Malory Towers or The Simpsons) you enjoy.
- A film you have watched recently.
- A ballet/theatre play/musical show/concert you have watched recently (lots are being streamed online).
- A computer game you enjoy playing.
- A board game or card game that you love.

Answer the questions to help you write a review but before you include it in your newspaper make sure you write/type it as an article (without the questions). I have included an example to show you.

To review the first four things (book, TV, film, show) you could use the list of questions below to help you.

a) What is it called, who is it by and what happens in it?

b) Who are the main characters and what are they like?

c) What was the most exciting/interesting part?

d) Who would enjoy this (what age of person and what else would they need to be interested in)? Star rating.

To review a game (computer, board or card) you could use the list of questions below to help you.

A) What's the name of the game and the main aim or point of the game - how do you play and win?

B) What's the most exciting bit of the game (earning points for an avatar or making other players miss a go)?

C) What skills do you need to be able to play this well? Or is it a game of luck?

D) Who would enjoy this (what age of person and what else would they need to be interested in)? Star rating.

Here are 2 review examples that answer the questions and then uses those answers to write review articles.

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a) *What is it called, who is it by and what happens in it?*

Malory Towers is a CBBC series based on the books by Enid Blyton. It follows the adventures of a group of girls at a boarding school.

b) *Who are the main characters and what are they like?*

The central character is Daryll Rivers who is impatient but loyal. She gets into all sort of scrapes and has adventures but always sticks by her friends.

c) *What was the most exciting/interesting part?*

There are many amusing events in this series but perhaps the most satisfying moment was when Gwendoline (who has been unkind to Daryll from the start) falls into the swimming pool in all her clothes!

d) *Who would enjoy this (what age of person and what else would they need to be interested in)? Star rating.*

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A) *What's the main aim or point of the game - how do you play and win?*

Rummikub is a great variation on the card game Rummy. You have to build up sets of tiles with runs of numbers or the same number in different colours.

B) *What's the most exciting bit of the game (earning points for an avatar or making other players miss a go)?*

Watch out for the joker tiles as they can turn into anything you want them to be so you can add them to any set.

C) *What skills do you need to be able to play this well? Or is it a game of luck?*

Whilst there is a certain amount of luck in the tiles you get, you have to use strategy to get the maximum points. Sometimes a tile could be used in two different sets so you need to choose the one that gives the most points.

D) *Who would enjoy this (what age of person and what else would they need to be interested in)? Star rating.*

As long as you are old enough to understand how to make sets you can play this. If you like solving puzzles you'll love this game because you have to keep working out the best way to arrange your tiles into sets. 4 stars ****

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