



Film Review

Write a short film review for the series like you would find it in a TV guide.

Pointers on how to write your review:

- **Headline:** The title of the series and a short addition, for example: “Flirt English – four friends in Brighton.”
- **Think of a log line.** That is the introductory statement that catches the reader’s attention with some idea or fact about the film. It shouldn’t be longer than three sentences. Discuss your answers with the other group members.
- **Write a short commentary.** You can comment on: setting, storyline/ plot, theme, quality of acting, message of the film, sound/ music...
- **Finish with a conclusion.** Give your opinion and recommendation to the reader.

Language support

Setting:

The setting was perfect/ (in-) appropriate /badly chosen. – What bothered me was... – The series moved at a slow/fast/just the right pace because... – What I really liked/ didn’t like about the setting was... – A better setting would be...

Storyline:

The storyline is (very) original/ funny/ entertaining/ conservative/ boring/ predictable. – I liked the part about... . However, the part about... I felt was... . – I felt very well/ slightly/ not at all entertained by... – The series was very well written/ funny/ clever. – I thought the series was missing... – It was not plausible that...

Quality of acting:

The actors portrayed the characters well/ not so well/ badly/ poorly – It was quite believable how... – The performance of... – The actress/actor who played... did a great/ bad job because... – My favorite actress/ actor was... because... – The best scene was the one where... because...

Opinion and recommendation:

In my opinion – From my point of view – I really like/didn’t like the series because... – What was special about it was... – On the one hand.../On the other hand... – I recommend/ don’t recommend the series because...

- **Headline:** a short phrase or sentence that shows what you thought about the series – this should be written last

- **Log line:** a short synopsis (summary) in no more than three sentences – don’t reveal everything!

■ What did you like about the series?

■ What didn't you like about the series?

■ Conclusion: a short summary of your opinion





Evaluation Sheet

Evaluate the review of your partner and give a feedback. What was good? What could be improved?

1. Read the synopsis of your partner and comment on it in the left column of her/ his text. You can use these symbols:

- For parts you like: ++
- For parts you'd like to know more about: !
- For parts you find unclear: ?
- For parts that are unnecessary: ()
- For problems in English:
- You can also write suggestions

2. Then tick the fields which you think fit best to the review of your partner.

	☺ ☹ ☠	Comment
Her/ his headline is appropriate.		
Her/ his log line catches the reader's attention.		
Her/ his review comments on important details.		
She/ he gives his opinion.		
She/ he gives his recommendation.		

- 3. Talk about the review:** I really like the part in which you write about...
I'd like to know more about..., what do you mean by..., I'd suggest that you...
- 4. Look at the comments on your own text and decide which changes you want to make. Write a second draft.**