MATURA WRITING TASKS
REVIEW

Level B1

Your goal at B1: Write a clear, friendly review that describes something, gives your opinion with simple reasons, and ends with a recommendation. Use opinion phrases and adjectives.

B1 · PHASE 1 – OPINION PHRASES (MATCH)

Reviews are full of opinions. Match each opinion phrase to how strong it is. **Careful – they are not in the same order!** Write the pairs, e.g. 1–d.

Opinion phrase	How strong (mixed up)
1 I loved it.	a a small negative opinion
2 It was quite good.	b a strong positive opinion
3 It was a bit boring.	c a strong negative opinion
4 It was OK.	d a middle / neutral opinion
5 I couldn't stand it.	e a mild positive opinion

TASK: Write one sentence about a film using each opinion phrase.

B1 · PHASE 2 – DESCRIBING WORDS (MATCH)

Match each adjective to what it best describes. **The order is mixed up.**

Adjective	What it describes (mixed up)
1 exciting	a a meal in a restaurant
2 delicious	b a place to visit
3 beautiful	c an action film
4 catchy	d a song

TASK: Add two more adjectives you could use in a review of a video game.

B1 · THE STRUCTURE YOU ARE BUILDING TOWARDS

Study this plan before you start. A review describes something (a film, book, restaurant, game, place…), gives your **opinion with reasons**, and ends with a **recommendation**. Summarise briefly – but never give away the ending. Every task in this booklet helps you build one part of it.

A REVIEW — STRUCTURE

Title

Catchy, hints at your opinion (e.g. 'A film worth seeing')

Introduction

What it is: name, type, author/director, when/where

Summary (no spoilers!)

Briefly what it is about – don't give away the ending

What you liked

Strong points + reasons and examples

What was weaker

Any drawbacks – keep it fair and balanced

Opinion & evaluation

Your overall judgement, clearly justified

Recommendation

Who would enjoy it + a star rating or verdict

B1 · PHASE 3 – PUT THE REVIEW IN ORDER

These parts of a review are in the **wrong order**. Number them 1–5 to put them right, then write one sentence for each.

a I would recommend it to anyone who likes comedies.
b The film is a comedy called “The Big Trip”.
c It is about three friends who go on holiday together.
d I really liked the funny characters and the music.
e The only weak point was that it was a little too long.

*Remember: describe first, give your opinion, then **recommend** at the end.*

B1 · PHASE 4 – GIVING REASONS

An opinion is stronger with a reason. Complete each sentence with 'because…'.

1 I loved the film because _____.
2 The food was great because _____.
3 I didn't enjoy the ending because _____.
4 The game is fun because _____.
5 I would recommend this book because _____.

B1 · PHASE 5 – NO SPOILERS!

A review should not give away the ending. Decide if each sentence is **OK** or a **SPOILER**, then rewrite the spoilers safely.

1 It is a story about a young detective.
2 In the end, the detective turns out to be the killer.
3 The film is set in a small mountain village.
4 The main character dies in the last scene.
5 There are some exciting car chases.

B1 · PHASE 6 – RECOMMENDING

Reviews end with a recommendation. Complete each one.

1 I would recommend this film to _____.
2 If you like _____, you will love this.
3 It is perfect for _____.
4 I would give it _____ out of five stars.
5 Don't miss it if you _____.

B1 · PHASE 7 – POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE? (MATCH)

Match each review comment to its meaning. **The order is mixed up.**

Comment	Meaning (mixed up)
1 It's a must-see.	a a negative comment
2 It's a waste of time.	b a positive comment
3 It's worth a look.	c a mild positive comment

B1 · PHASE 8 – SPOT & FIX THE MISTAKES

Each sentence has one mistake (grammar, word choice or style). Find it and rewrite it.

1 The film was very boring but I loved it.
2 I recommend this book for people who likes adventure.
3 The food were delicious.
4 It is the most best game I have ever played.
5 I would give it five stars because is amazing.
6 The music was catchy and the actors was great.

B1 · PHASE 9 – PLAN YOUR REVIEW

Write short notes for each part.

Part	My notes
Title	_____
What it is (name, type)	_____
Short summary (no spoilers)	_____
What you liked / disliked	_____
Recommendation + stars	_____

B1 · FINAL WRITING TASK

Read the task, then write your review.

Your school's English magazine has a section called **"Our Recommendations"**. Write a review of a **film, book or video game** you know well, to help other students decide whether to try it.

Write a **review of 120–150 words** in which you:

- give your review a title and say what you are reviewing
- briefly describe it, without giving away the ending
- say what you liked and disliked, with reasons
- end with a recommendation and a star rating.