

# Mastering C2 Proficiency (CPE) Writing: The Review

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*Targeting a high score in the CPE Writing paper? Our guide to writing reviews covers structure, tone, and advanced vocabulary to impress examiners.*

The Review is a versatile task in the C2 Proficiency Writing paper (Part 2). It allows for personal opinion, descriptive language, and a wide range of vocabulary. Here is how to write a top-scoring review.

## 1. KNOW YOUR AUDIENCE

Reviews are usually written for a magazine, newspaper, or website. The tone should be engaging and interesting. Unlike an essay, you can (and should) use the first person ("I"). Connect with the reader.

## 2. STRUCTURE IS CRUCIAL

Don't just ramble. A standard structure might look like this:

- Title: Catchy and relevant.
- Introduction: Hook the reader, state what you are reviewing, and give a brief verdict.
- Body Paragraph 1 (Description): Describe the plot/restaurant/event/item. Keep it brief; don't retell the whole story.
- Body Paragraph 2 (Analysis - Pros): What was good? Use descriptive adjectives (breathtaking, compelling, innovative).
- Body Paragraph 3 (Analysis - Cons): What was lacking? Be critical but balanced (underwhelming, predictable, lackluster).
- Conclusion: Summarize your thoughts and give a clear recommendation (Who is this for? Is it worth the money?).

## 3. USE ADVANCED VOCABULARY

C2 is about showing off what you know.

Instead of saying "The movie was good", say: "The film was a cinematic masterpiece."

Instead of "The book was boring", say: "The narrative was tedious and uninspired."

#### 4. THE RECOMMENDATION

Don't forget to recommend (or not recommend) the subject of your review. "I would strictly recommend this to fans of sci-fi, but others might find it impenetrable."

