



SMART JUNIORS 3

Exploring the World and Its Diverse Cultures

Lesson 40 Writing Skills





A Review on a Certain Subject

If you're required to write a review on a certain subject, the following writing structure might help you.

1

Introduction:

- Introduce the subject and briefly describe it.



2

The Positive Features

(including reasons)

3

The Negative Features

(including reasons)



4

Conclusion:

- State your opinion.
- Include a recommendation for people who will enjoy it.

Now we're going to listen to the model review. Can you find the four parts?

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Find the four parts in the text and match the labels to each.

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Introduction

Read the **Introduction** and answer:

1. What is being reviewed?
2. What information was provided about it?

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Positive Features

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1. What are the positive features?
2. Which words or phrases indicate praise?

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Negative Features

Read the **Negative Features** and answer:

1. What are the negative features? Why?
2. Which words or phrases suggest negative criticism?

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Conclusion

Read the **Conclusion** and answer.

1. What is the general opinion of the writer?
2. How did the writer end the review?

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WRITING TIPS

Writing Tip 1:

Introduce the subject and briefly describe it by giving necessary information.

Writing Tip 2:

Present a paragraph that focuses only on the positive.

Writing Tip 3:

Present a paragraph that focuses only on the negative.

Writing Tip 4:

Give your general opinion and end with a recommendation.

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KEY LANGUAGE

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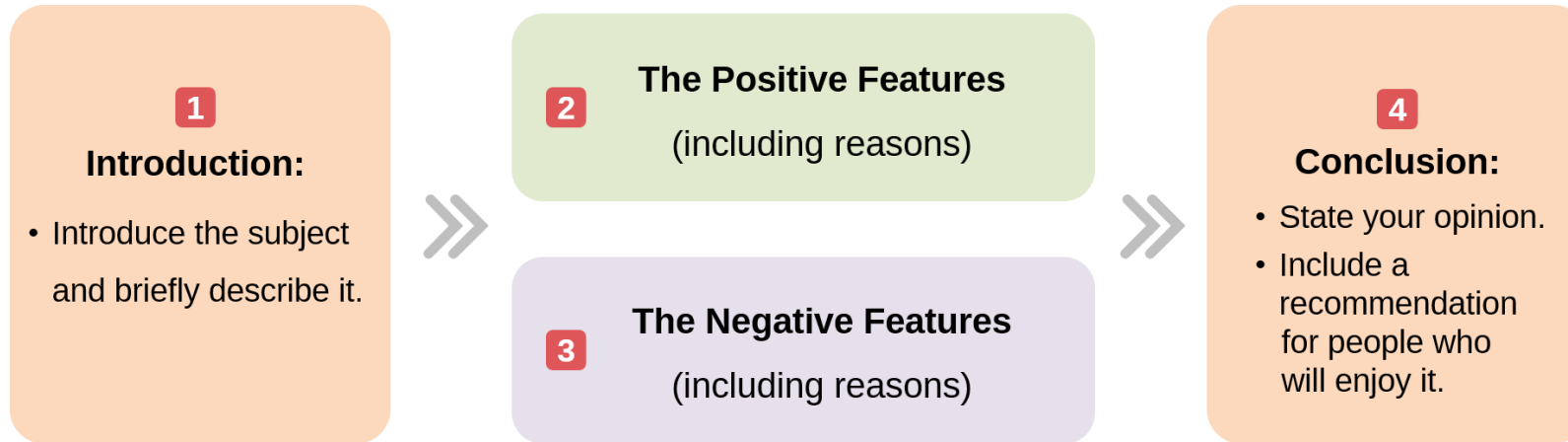
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- Use this structure to write a review on a certain subject.



- Here are some good expressions and linking phrases for reviews.

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4 Nevertheless,...



A parade float featuring a group of students in blue uniforms carrying various international flags. The scene is overlaid with a yellow and blue graphic design. The text 'WHAT'S NEXT...' is prominently displayed in the center.

WHAT'S NEXT...

In the next lesson, we're going to use the structure we learned today to practice a writing task!

See you next time!