

## Useful phrases for reviews sentence completion activities

### Useful phrases for reviews discuss and agree

*Choose a phrase from the next page and try to make a statement that you both agree with, changing the statement or choosing another phrase if you can't agree.*

### Useful phrases for reviews guessing game

*On your own, fill in as many of the phrases on the next page as you can in ten minutes with your real opinions, real experiences, etc. Choose one of your statements and read out just the part you wrote (not the printed part that was there before), and see if your partner can guess which sentence you put that information in.*

### Useful phrases for reviews bluffing game

*Choose one of the statements on the next page for your partner to use. They should complete the sentence as quickly as they can. Perhaps after asking follow-up questions, guess if that is their real recommendation, real experience, etc.*

### Suggested topics

- place (attraction/ sightseeing spot, café, restaurant, shop, etc)
- arts and media (book, exhibition, magazine, album, concert/ gig, film/ movie, TV programme, etc)
- service (food delivery, etc)
- technology (e.g. app)
- thing (product, dish, etc)

*Ask about any sentence stems which you don't understand, couldn't use, couldn't agree on anything with, etc.*

*Do the longer phrases task on the last page.*

*Change partner. Without looking at the sentence stems, try to agree on statements on as many topics above as you can. You can use the extra words to go in the short phrases to help you if you like.*

*Do the same for these topics related to health:*

- healthy things
- unhealthy things
- food and drink
- exercise
- keeping fit
- keeping well
- medical treatments
- alternative medicines/ alternative treatments
- sources of advice on health

- A (unique) selling point of... is.../ A strong point of... is...
- Don't bother...
- I (absolutely) loved/ adored... – I (absolutely) loathed/ detested/ hated...
- I (have) (completely) changed my mind about...
- I couldn't get enough of... – I had (more than) enough of...
- I couldn't get into...
- I couldn't stand.../ I couldn't bear... – I didn't mind...
- I didn't expect...
- I didn't find... to be as... as I expected.
- I didn't really like.../ I wasn't (too) keen on...
- I found... to be...
- I had mixed feelings about...
- I have (generally) found ... to be...
- I have never... a better... than...
- I really didn't like...– I really liked...
- I think... would (only/ mainly) suit.../... would be a (less than) perfect match for...
- I was looking forward to..., but...– I was dreading..., but...
- I would avoid...
- I would (highly/ thoroughly) recommend... – I wouldn't (necessarily) recommend...
- If I were you, I'd rush (right) out and...– I'd be in (absolutely) no hurry to...
- If you like..., then you'll love...
- It took me a while to get used to...
- It's (definitely) worth...
- My (chief/ main) criticism of... is...
- Whatever you do, don't miss.../ You shouldn't miss...
- You won't regret...
- ... is (clearly/ by far/ easily) the best/ the... ..
- ... is (far/ much) better than...–... is not/ nowhere near as good as...
- ... is only suitable for (hardcore/ dedicated/ obsessive) fans of...
- ... isn't (quite) up the standards of...
- ... met/ exceeded my (high) expectations. – ... didn't meet my (high) expectations.
- ... really stands out (from the crowd/ from.../ for...)
- ... was the only disappointing thing about...

### Longer phrases for reviews

*Add at least one word to middle of each of these basic phrases:*

- A selling point of... is...
- I loved/ adored/ loathed/ detested/ hated...
- I (have) changed my mind about...
- I had enough of...
- I wasn't keen on...
- I have found ... to be...
- ... would be a perfect match for...
- I would recommend...
- I wouldn't recommend...
- If I were you, I'd rush out and...
- I'd be in no hurry to...
- It's worth...
- My criticism of... is...
- ... is the best...
- ... is better than...
- ... is only suitable for fans of...
- ... isn't up the standards of...
- ... met/ didn't meet/ exceeded my expectations.

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*Use these words to help. Some can be used on the same line, and one can be used twice.*

absolutely

by far

chief

clearly

completely

dedicated

definitely

easily

far

generally

hardcore

high(ly)

less than

main

more than

much

necessarily

obsessive

quite

right

thoroughly

too

unique