

## I loved it! **LEARNING OUTCOME** learn how to give opinions in an online book review

### Everyday life

1 Look at the photo and answer the questions.



Where are the people and what are they doing?  
What kind of things could they be discussing?

### Everyday vocabulary

2 Look at the words in the box and put them into three groups: **verbs, positive adjectives and negative adjectives.**

boring • brilliant • complicated • dull • enjoy  
enjoyable • fascinating • interesting • like • love  
recommend • too long

3 Add any other words you know to the groups.

### Reading

4 Look at the book reviews webpage below. Read the summaries and the comments. Tick (✓) the statements which are true. Some of the reviews contain ...

- a only positive comments.     b only negative comments.     c both positive and negative comments.

### The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time

**Summary:** Set in modern-day England, we see the world through the eyes of Christopher Boone, a 15-year-old autistic boy, as he tries to solve the mystery of who killed his neighbour's dog.

#### Reviews:

★★★ **MaryB** I think it's an unusual story enjoyed it.

★★★★★ **Gaz65** In my opinion, this is the best book of all time. I recommend it to everyone who can read!

### The Book Thief

**Summary:** Set in Germany in 1939, this is the story of Liesel Meminger, a poor nine-year-old girl who steals a book and learns to read to escape from the horrors of war.

#### Reviews:

★★ **SorayaZ** I found it a bit too long and boring. I think he's a good writer but I just didn't enjoy this story.

★★★★★ **Izzy** I don't think the last review was fair. If you ask me, this is a fascinating story and Marcus Zusak is a brilliant writer. I recommend it to book lovers everywhere!

★★★ **Tobias** Really? I thought it was good, but I don't think all book lovers would like it.

5 Read the statements and write T (true) or F (false).

- a The central characters in both books are adults. ....  
b MaryB didn't like the story she read. ....  
c The books are set in different countries. ....  
d Both books are set in the past. ....  
e SorayaZ didn't like the story she read. ....  
f The boy in one story is a detective and the girl in the other story is a thief. ....

### EVERYDAY ENGLISH TOOLKIT: GIVING OPINIONS IN A BOOK REVIEW

Look at the expressions from the dialogue. Which one of these words is used to show polite disagreement with an opinion?

- I think it's an unusual story.
- In my opinion, this is the best book of all time.
- I found it a bit too long.
- I don't think the last review was fair.
- If you ask me, this is a fascinating story.
- Really?

### Over to you!

6 You are going to write a summary and review of a fiction book you have read. Follow the steps below. Use the expressions in the Everyday English toolkit.

For the summary, think about:

- where and when the story is set.
- who the main character is.
- what the story is about.

For the review, think about:

- how to introduce an opinion.
- which adjectives you want to use.
- whether you want to recommend the book.