WRITE A REVIEW OF A BOOK YOU READ

A book review is a description of what you thought of a book. Sharing it with others can help them decide whether they might want to read the book too. Here’s how to write one.

1. Choose a book. Aim to write about a book you enjoyed reading. It will be more fun to describe the characters and the plot, and people who are looking for a book to read will want to read your review.

2. Start writing. First, give a short summary of what the book is about, without revealing too much of the plot, which might spoil the story for others. Then explain what you liked most about the book and why. This could be the narrator’s voice, the setting, or a problem a character faces. If the book reminds you of another book, you can add that.

3. Publish it. Once you’re done, ask an adult to email your review to hello@theweekjunior.com. We print reviews from readers on our weekly Book Club page (p23).

Make sweet cups of berry fool

TASTY TREAT

A fool is a dessert made of mashed fruit, and it gets its name from the French word fouler, which means “to crush.”

Ingredients

- 1 cup fresh berries (raspberries, blueberries, blackberries, or a combination), plus more for topping
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- Pinch of salt
- 2 tablespoons confectioners’ sugar, divided
- 1 cup heavy cream, chilled

Instructions

1. Combine the berries, lemon juice, salt, and half of the sugar in a medium bowl. Using a fork, mash up the berries until they have a jam-like consistency.

2. In a large bowl, combine the heavy cream and the remaining tablespoon of sugar. Beat on high with an electric mixer for about 1 minute or until the cream holds a soft peak when you lift the beaters up.

3. Use a spatula or large spoon to gently fold the mashed berry mixture into the whipped cream. It’s OK if streaks of berries remain. Spoon the fool into cups or small bowls and top with more fruit, if desired. Makes 4 servings.

Helpful tips

- If you’re pressed for time, you can fold the fruit mixture into store-bought whipped cream instead of making your own.
- Consider serving this dessert with cookies. People can use a cookie to scoop up the fruit mixture.
- This recipe also works well with frozen berries. First, defrost the fruit according to the package instructions.

ECO TIP OF THE WEEK

DISPOSE OF OLD BATTERIES SAFELY

Many items that you frequently use, such as a TV remote or a calculator, are powered by batteries. Once those batteries no longer work, it’s important to correctly dispose of them. If you put them in your regular trash or recycling, the chemicals and heavy metals inside the batteries can leak and possibly contaminate nearby soil and water. To properly dispose of them, you’ll want to take them to a battery recycling center. Ask an adult to help you go online, or call your local community center to see if this service is offered in your area. You can also try visiting websites like call2recycle.org or biggreenbox.com to find a battery recycling center in your area.