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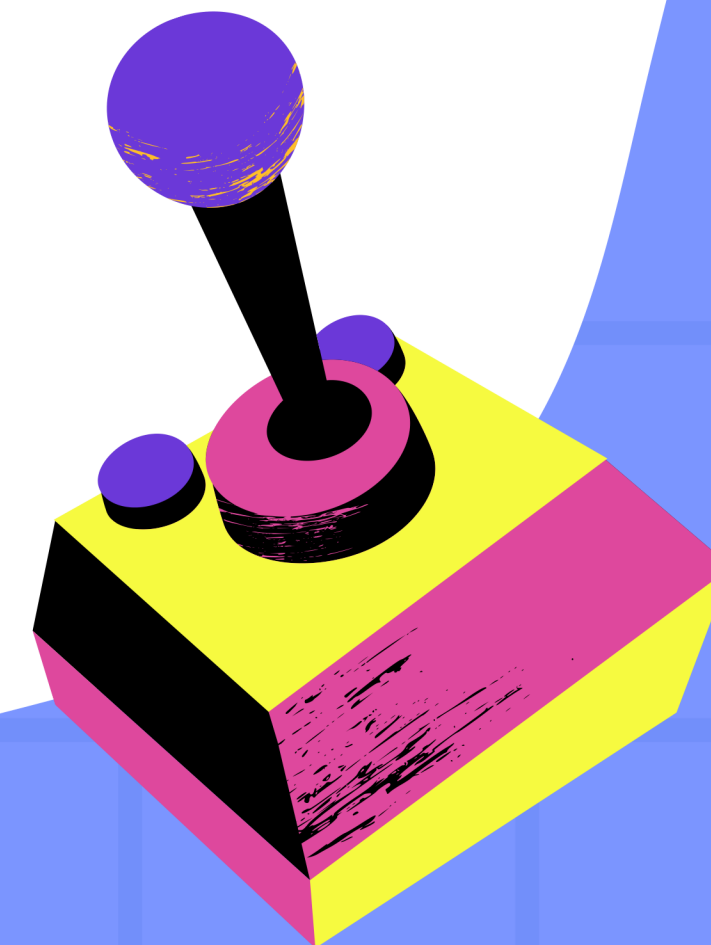
B2 Cambridge (FIRST)

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AIMS

to introduce *Review* format and style

to provide you with useful vocabulary

to practice what you have learned

to review the assessment criteria

CAMBRIDGE B2 WRITING PART 2

You can choose one out of three different options. The options could be:

- email/letter
- review
- article
- report

*word limit 140-190 words

WHAT IS A REVIEW ?

1. Written for an English-language magazine, newspaper or website.

2. Describes and expresses a personal opinion about something which the writer has experienced.

3. Gives the reader a clear impression of what the item discussed is like.

4. Description and explanation are key functions for this task, and a review will normally include a recommendation to the reader.

hello

SAMPLE TASK

You read this in an advertisement in a reputable online gaming magazine:

Looking for gems in the mud or mud among gems

Have you ever played a game and thought: I really like this! Why isn't it more popular? Or the exact opposite?
Now you have a chance to make your favourite underrated game known to the public. Or to throw shade to a famous game that you hated.
Tell us what we missed and whether you recommend the game or not.
All the reviews will be published in our magazine and the best review will be featured in our front page for a month.

REVIEW ▶

GUESS THE STRUCTURE

TASK	STATUS
TLTLE	○
INTRODUCTION	○
PARAGRAPH 1	○
PARAGRAPH 2	○
CONCLUSION	○

TASK	LETTER
Identify what you are reviewing and why. Catch reader´s attention (you can use a personalised question).	A
Give your opinion and comment on the questions you have been asked.	B
Summarize your review with a recommendation.	C
Use the name of the film, book or restaurant.	D
Describe the game, book, restaurant.	E

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Discussion (P2)
Conclusion | Recommendation

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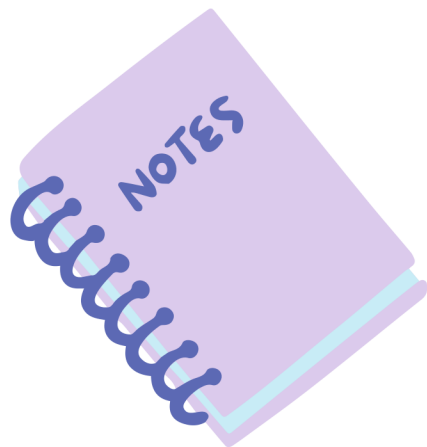

I would say that the game is quite enjoyable and it seems to me that having in-game purchases that don't change the gameplay is beneficial for both the player and the company. However, in my opinion, an important drawback of the game is that the purchasable emoticons give the user a competitive advantage. Combined with how difficult it is to obtain the in-game currency, it creates an imbalance between paying and non-paying users.

Is paying the new word for playing? A Stumble Guys review.

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EFFECT

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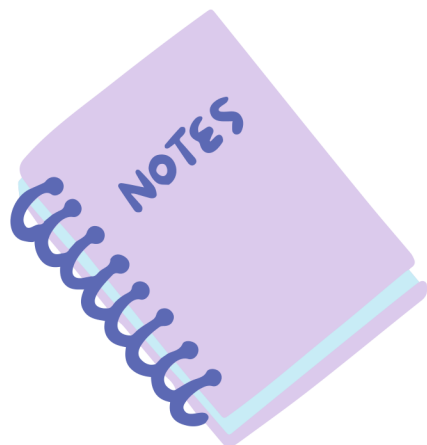
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TIPS

TITLE

Write the title or the name of what you are reviewing followed by the author or creator.

Example 1:
The Silmarillion by J. R. R. Tolkien
Example 2:
Berners Taver: A Review

INTRODUCTION

Engage the reader! You can use a personalised question for that.

- At least 2 sentences long.

- Don't give a lot of information, give a reason to the reader to keep reading.

DESCRIPTION

Give all the necessary information about what you are reviewing and details based on the question.
Don't state your opinion yet.

DISCUSSION

Here is where you can share your opinion.

Useful phrases:

- For me,...
- The way I see it,...
- I believe that...
- In my opinion,
- From my point of view,...
- As far as I'm concerned,...
- It seems to me that ...

CONCLUSION

In this part, you have to summarise and (based on what you previously stated) recommend or not the reviewed subject.

Useful phrases:

- You might want to...
- I recommend...
- You should...

Thank you
for learning

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