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Activity Sheet

**Lead in discussion**

Have you ever made an Amazon review?  
 Have you ever sold something online and received feedback?  
 Have you ever received feedback at school or work? Was it 'constructive'?  
 How do you give 'constructive' criticism?

**Vocabulary**

*Usher*                      *Accoutrements*                      *Bazaar*                      *Tag number*                      *Fingernail file*  
    *Spooked*                                      *Hijack*                      *Tat*                                      *Grazing*

- |.....| Low quality products, souvenirs and items
- |.....| A place where you can find and buy *tat* and almost anything else
- |.....| In British English 'license plate' - the number that identifies a vehicle
- |.....| An object used to shape the fingernails
- |.....| To take control of a vehicle using force
- |.....| Accessories that accompany an object
- |.....| A person that helps you find your place at a cinema, wedding or other event
- |.....| To be feeding on grass
- |.....| To be frightened by something

**Now read the article**

**Post-reading discussion**

Which review did you think was the funniest?  
 Some of the reviews follow a genuine 'review style' of writing, what is the tone and language used?  
 What is the word limit for an FCE writing?  
 How much time do you have for the writing part of the FCE?  
 How much time should you spend on planning, writing and proof reading?

**Writing**

You are going to plan and write a review for the First Certificate Exam. **REMEMBER**  
 -You are writing for an audience, so the tone is informal but impersonal. Avoid using 'you' as you don't know your audience personally.  
 -Make your writing audience specific, if it students, or people that haven't read a book you are recommending.  
 -Don't talk about yourself – try to be objective, be sure you don't (over)use like I, me, myself. Equally, use phrases like 'in my opinion' and 'to my mind' as little as possible, perhaps only in the first and final paragraph.  
 -Use precise descriptive language - 'this film is boring' does not communicate enough, use modifiers and specific vocabulary to catch your readers attention, for example 'this film was absolutely captivating.'

**Amazon have launched a 5 star product review campaign, they are offering a voucher worth £500 to the best reviews. Choose a product (look online, or invent one) and write a review.**