

Language learning materials reviews with language for reviews and learner training

Choose one (specific) thing for learning English such as something on the next page. Describe its good points and bad points, who it is most suitable for and least suitable for, etc, as if you were writing an Amazon review. Your partner will listen and then comment and/ or ask you for more details.

Suggested phrases for reviewing materials	Suggested questions to ask for more details
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● cheap/ reasonable – expensive/ overpriced ● complicated/ tricky – easy to use ● (in)effective ● flexible/ adaptable ● including ● innovative – traditional ● leading ● overrated ● packed with ● pocket-sized ● radical – tried and tested ● recommended ● similar to ● simple (but effective) ● (un)suitable ● time consuming ● tricky ● underrated ● worth(while) – worthless ● Looking at... ● In addition ● An additional... is... ● On the other hand ● On the other side of the coin ● Turning from the pros to the cons,... ● Moving onto... ● Despite..... ● Nevertheless,.../ Nonetheless,... ● All in all/ Overall ● For all those reasons,... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Can it...? ● Can you... with it? ● Did you have any problems with...? ● Do you need...? ● Do you think it will...? ● Does it claim...? ● Does it live up to...? ● How does it...? ● How long did you...? ● How does it compare to...? ● How long would it take to...? ● How useful is it for...? ● I found that... Do you have the same experience? ● I heard that... Is that true? ● Is it better for... (than...)? ● Is it easy/ difficult to...? ● Is it suitable for...? ● Is it useful for...? ● Is it worth...? ● Is... an advantage or a disadvantage? ● It sounds... Is that right/ fair? ● Overall, do you think...? ● When was it (first/ last)...? ● Who wrote/ published...? ● Would you recommend it for...?

Tell another group about the thing that you agreed most on, and see if they have any questions or comments.

Ask about any words or phrases you don't understand, questions you couldn't answer, etc, working together to use them to describe language learning materials.

Without looking above or below, brainstorm suitable language for reviews, including adjectives, opposites, phrases for looking at both sides, etc.

Kinds of materials	Specific materials	Things to talk about
app(lication) audiobook business English materials CD (ROM) (kids') chant/ song children's book/ DVD/ TV/... collocations practice comic (strip) correspondence course (learner's/ electronic) dictionary DVD e-book Facebook page/ feed graded reader/ing materials grammar checker (self-study) grammar materials language exchange/ school/... list of language learning tips list of recommendations list of useful language (listings/ freebie) magazine model texts/ model dialogues MOOC newspaper online lecture/ presentation parallel text books phrasebook podcast poem/ book of poetry pronunciation materials radio programme smartphone game software speech study abroad (agent/ provider) (writing) style guide test preparation materials textbook translation materials TV programme Twitter feed video (self-study) vocabulary materials website YouTube channel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 6 Minute English ● Academic Word List ● ALC English Journal ● BBC Learning English drama/ News Review ● Berlitz phrasebooks ● Business Result ● Busuu.com ● Duolingo.com ● Eigo de Asobo ● Email English ● Flashcard Stash ● Focus on IELTS ● Google Translate ● General Service List ● Headway ● IELTSbuddy.com ● Johnny Grammar ● Kaplan test preparation ● LearnEnglishKids ● Learning Time with Timmy ● Lingual.ly ● Market Leader ● (FCE) Masterclass ● Murphy's English Grammar in Use ● MyWordBook ● NHK materials ● Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary ● Oxford Express series ● Penguin Readers ● Rosetta Stone ● Simple English Wikipedia ● SpeakingPal English Tutor ● SuperSimpleSongs ● TED.com ● The Business 2.0 ● The English We Speak ● Vocabla ● Vocabulary in Use ● Voxy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● advantages/ benefits/ selling points/ positive points/ good points ● disadvantages/ drawbacks/ negative points/ bad points ● accuracy ● availability ● comparisons to others ● content ● cost ● design/ attractiveness ● difficulty ● ease of use ● effectiveness ● effort needed ● features ● future ● functions ● history ● level ● market share ● marketing (claims) ● motivation ● popularity ● portability ● reliability ● reuse ● size/ length ● suitability for... ● techniques ● time ● usefulness ● uses ● overall judgement ● recommendations