

Unit 1 Writing quiz

A Read the book review from the blog below.



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Book Review: Dream Small
by [Alexa Waterford](#)
September 13

This week's book is Karima Boukabir's best-selling memoir, *Dream Small*. Do you like people who are both determined, even fearless, as I do? If so, then this is definitely the book for you. Boukabir's character shines through in this blunt yet inspiring memoir.

Dream Small tells how Karima Boukabir overcame great obstacles to achieve her dreams, one small step at a time. The author shares her journey from a difficult, if not traumatic, childhood to her life today as a brilliant, world-renowned musician. After losing her parents at a young age, Boukabir moved from town to town, following her uncle during his strange and unpredictable musical career. Boukabir's stories from the road are witty, even comic at times; they are sure to stick in your mind long after you've finished the book.

A tough yet vulnerable person, Boukabir explores some difficult topics that most people will understand and connect with. It's a must-read!

To the right of the text is an image of a stack of five books.

B Write a book review recommending a book you enjoyed. Use the blog from Part A as a model.

Make sure that you:

- explain what the book is about, including information about the setting, plot, characters, and themes.
- give three or more reasons why you liked the book.
- use coordinating adjectives as you describe the book, linking them with words like *and*, *but*, *yet*, *though*, *if*, *if not*, and *(or) even*.

Sample Answer

One More Lap Around the Track is a simple but enjoyable memoir by James Jenson, a race car driver from Vermont. In his book, Jenson tells the amusing and unlikely story of how he made it to the top in the competitive world of stock car auto racing. He also writes about the supportive people in the small town where he grew up. I found it fascinating, if not inspiring!

Jenson knew from an early age that he wanted to race cars. When he was just 10 years old, he started building his own race car with the help of his father. His father was a mechanic – talented, though untrained – and he started Jenson off on his exciting, if sometimes dangerous, career. Indeed, it was Jenson's mechanical skills that first earned him a spot on the pit crew of a rich and famous NASCAR driver. From there, his own driving career took off. Jenson's behind-the-wheel stories are bizarre yet hilarious, and truly entertaining to read.

The writing is always sincere, if not brutally honest, and his style is simple yet effective. It is an entertaining read from the first page to the last.