

WRITING ACTIVITY: A book review

A continuación tes un exemplo dun comentario crítico sobre unha novela. Le con atención e fai as actividades que aparecen a continuación.

SampleText

Seven Years in Tibet

Seven Years in Tibet was written by Heinrich Harrer and describes his own experience as a mountaineer on an expedition to the Himalayas. The book tells Harrer's adventures after he was captured and imprisoned in India when World War II broke out.

The story narrates how Harrer escaped into Tibet, a country where very few visitors had ever been and extremely far from his home. Tibet is described as an incredible place, untouched by the modern world and where the Forbidden City of Lhasa is found. It is in this city where Harrer meets the 11-year-old Dalai Lama, with whom he develops a close relationship.

During the seven years the author lived in this country, he knew a new way of confronting life. The young Dalai Lama, as well as the Tibetan people he met, taught him to be humble and love every single form of life. He learnt to speak their language and to understand the unique, peaceful character of the Tibetan people. In a word, he was able to change completely his attitude towards life in general.

The novel was published in 1953 and has been translated into 48 languages. Once you begin to read it, you won't be able to put it down. You'll enjoy every page of this amazing novel. *Seven Years in Tibet* was made into a film in 1997. The actor Brad Pitt played the part of Heinrich Harrer. So, if you prefer films to literature, you can always enjoy the view of it.

ACTIVITIES:

1. Find examples of adverbs of degree in the text.
2. Connector of Purpose: Rewrite the following sentences using the given connectors:
 - a. *Heinrich Harrer joined an expedition to climb in the Himalayas.*
Heinrich Harrer joined an expedition in order to
Heinrich Harrer joined an expedition so that
Heinrich Harrer joined an expedition so as
 - b. *Harrer had to change his own view of life in order that he could understand Tibetan people*
Harrer had to change his view of life, so that
Harrer had to change his view of life to....
Harrer had to change his view of life in order to...

3. Tomando o texto anterior como modelo, así como as pautas que tes no documento descargable sobre Writing (organización e vocabulario) tenta facer unha reseña sobre unha película, novela ou programa que coñezas.

Write a review of a film / novel / TV programme you like.

Include:

- *Type of film/book/programme, characters, author/director/presenter....*
- *Description of the plot or characteristics of the show (who, how, when, where, what it is like... Good and bad aspects*
- *Opinion and general recommendations*

ANSWERS:

1. **extremely** far from his home // **very** few visitors // change **completely** his attitude
2.
 - a. *Heinrich Harrer joined an expedition to climb in the Himalayas.*
*Heinrich Harrer joined an expedition in order to **climb the Himalayas***
*Heinrich Harrer joined an expedition so that **he could climb the Himalayas***
*Heinrich Harrer joined an expeditio so as **to climb the Himalayas***
 - b. *Harrer had to change his own view of life in order that he could understand Tibetan people*
*Harrer had to change his view of life so that **he could understand Tibetan people***
*Harrer had to change his view of life to **understand / be able to understand Tibetan people***
*Harrer had to change his view of life in order to **understand / be able to understand Tibetan people.***