



Digital Life and Technology

Review planning bank: revision app

Exam-style review task

Your class recently tried a new revision app. Your teacher has asked you to write a review of the app for your school magazine. Here are some comments about the revision app:

'The quizzes were quick and useful.'

'The reminders helped me study.'

'The adverts were distracting.'

'Some explanations were too short.'

The comments above may give you some ideas, and you should also use some ideas of your own.

Write about 120 to 160 words.

Planning

Use the comments to organise your review. Add details, examples and one idea of your own.

<i>Concise, engaging title</i>	Possible techniques: play on words / direct question / clear opinion
<i>Introduction</i>	Context: what the app is; when you used it; who it is for; why it is worth reviewing Hook: Could this app actually make revision easier?
<i>Description</i>	Main features: quizzes, reminders, User experience: quick, simple,

Positives	Negatives / Areas for improvement
Idea: quizzes were quick and useful Detail / example: Extra idea: reminders helped students study Detail / example: Idea of your own: Detail / example:	Issue: adverts were distracting Detail / example: Suggestion: Another issue: some explanations were too short Detail / example: Suggestion:

<i>Recommendation</i>	Overall opinion: Who would enjoy it most: Final recommendation phrase:
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Write your review

Write a review for your school magazine. Cover the comments, add your own ideas and make your opinion clear.

Review title _____

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Review planning bank: school podcast

Exam-style review task

Your school has started a student podcast. Your teacher has asked you to write a review of the podcast for your school magazine. Here are some comments about the podcast:

'The interviews sounded natural.'

'The topics were relevant to students.'

'The sound quality changed a lot.'

'Some episodes were too long.'

The comments above may give you some ideas, and you should also use some ideas of your own.

Write about 120 to 160 words.

Planning

Use the comments to organise your review. Add details, examples and one idea of your own.

Concise, engaging title	Possible techniques: sound-related image / short question / informal hook
Introduction	Context: what the podcast is; who makes it; when you listened; why it is worth reviewing Hook: Is the school podcast worth adding to your playlist?
Description	Main content: interviews, student topics, Tone: friendly, natural,

Positives	Negatives / Areas for improvement
Idea: interviews sounded natural Detail / example: Extra idea: topics were relevant to students Detail / example: Idea of your own: Detail / example:	Issue: sound quality changed a lot Detail / example: Suggestion: Another issue: some episodes were too long Detail / example: Suggestion:

Recommendation	Overall opinion: Who would enjoy it most: Final recommendation phrase:
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Write your review

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Review title _____

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Review planning bank: coding workshop

Exam-style review task

A technology company recently ran a coding workshop at your school. Your teacher has asked you to write a review of the workshop for your school magazine.

Here are some comments about the coding workshop:

'Building a simple game was fun.'

'The helpers were patient.'

'The pace was too fast.'

'There were not enough laptops.'

The comments above may give you some ideas, and you should also use some ideas of your own.

Write about 120 to 160 words.

Planning

Use the comments to organise your review. Add details, examples and one idea of your own.

Concise, engaging title	Possible techniques: play on words / question / strong verb
Introduction	Context: what the workshop was; who ran it; where it took place; why it is worth reviewing Hook: Could this workshop turn beginners into coders?
Description	Activities: game building, coding tasks, Organisation: practical, fast-paced,

Positives	Negatives / Areas for improvement
Idea: building a simple game was fun Detail / example: Extra idea: helpers were patient Detail / example: Idea of your own: Detail / example:	Issue: pace was too fast Detail / example: Suggestion: Another issue: not enough laptops Detail / example: Suggestion:

Recommendation	Overall opinion: Who would enjoy it most: Final recommendation phrase:
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Write your review

Write a review for your school magazine. Cover the comments, add your own ideas and make your opinion clear.

Review title _____

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Review planning bank: educational video channel

Exam-style review task

Your class recently used an educational video channel for homework. Your teacher has asked you to write a review of the channel for your school magazine.

Here are some comments about the video channel:

'The animations made ideas clear.'
'The examples were easy to follow.'

'Some videos were too long.'
'The search tool was confusing.'

The comments above may give you some ideas, and you should also use some ideas of your own.

Write about 120 to 160 words.

Planning

Use the comments to organise your review. Add details, examples and one idea of your own.

Concise, engaging title	Possible techniques: direct question / contrast / memorable adjective
Introduction	Context: what the channel is; how students used it; who it is for; why it is worth reviewing Hook: Can online videos really improve homework?
Description	Main features: animations, examples, search tool, Learning style: visual, clear,

Positives	Negatives / Areas for improvement
Idea: animations made ideas clear Detail / example: Extra idea: examples were easy to follow Detail / example: Idea of your own: Detail / example:	Issue: some videos were too long Detail / example: Suggestion: Another issue: search tool was confusing Detail / example: Suggestion:

Recommendation	Overall opinion: Who would enjoy it most: Final recommendation phrase:
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Write your review

Write a review for your school magazine. Cover the comments, add your own ideas and make your opinion clear.

Review title _____

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