



## Education and School Life

Review planning bank: homework club

### Exam-style review task

Your school recently started an after-school homework club. Your teacher has asked you to write a review of the club for your school magazine. Here are some comments about the homework club:

'The room was quiet and comfortable.'

'The student mentors were helpful.'

'There were not enough computers.'

'It finished too early.'

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.

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| <b>Concise, engaging title</b> | <b>Possible techniques:</b> clear judgement / direct question / calm adjective   |
| <b>Introduction</b>            | <b>Context:</b> what the club is; where it happens; who attends; why it is worth reviewing<br><b>Hook:</b> Could this club make homework less stressful? |
| <b>Description</b>             | <b>Key features:</b> quiet room, computers, mentors,<br><b>Atmosphere:</b> calm, focused,  |

| Positives  | Negatives / Areas for improvement   |
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| <b>Idea:</b> room was quiet and comfortable<br><b>Detail / example:</b><br><br><b>Extra idea:</b> student mentors were helpful<br><b>Detail / example:</b><br><br><b>Idea of your own:</b><br><b>Detail / example:</b> | <b>Issue:</b> not enough computers<br><b>Detail / example:</b><br><br><b>Suggestion:</b><br><br><br><b>Another issue:</b> it finished too early<br><b>Detail / example:</b><br><br><b>Suggestion:</b> |

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| <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Overall opinion:</b><br><b>Who would enjoy it most:</b><br><b>Final recommendation phrase:</b> |
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## Education and School Life

Review planning bank: school library

### Exam-style review task

Your school library has recently been redesigned. Your teacher has asked you to write a review of the library for your school magazine. Here are some comments about the library:

'The reading area is much brighter.'  
'There are more graphic novels now.'

'The printer is often busy.'  
'The study tables fill up quickly.'

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.

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| <b>Concise, engaging title</b> | <b>Possible techniques:</b> play on words / short question / clear opinion   |
| <b>Introduction</b>            | <b>Context:</b> what changed; where it is; when you visited; why it is worth reviewing<br><b>Hook:</b> Is the new library a better place to study? |
| <b>Description</b>             | <b>Key features:</b> reading area, graphic novels, study tables,<br><b>Overall impression:</b> brighter, busier,                                   |

| Positives  | Negatives / Areas for improvement   |
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| <b>Idea:</b> reading area is much brighter<br><b>Detail / example:</b><br><br><b>Extra idea:</b> more graphic novels now<br><b>Detail / example:</b><br><br><b>Idea of your own:</b><br><b>Detail / example:</b> | <b>Issue:</b> printer is often busy<br><b>Detail / example:</b><br><br><b>Suggestion:</b><br><br><b>Another issue:</b> study tables fill up quickly<br><b>Detail / example:</b><br><br><b>Suggestion:</b> |

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## Education and School Life

Review planning bank: study skills workshop

### Exam-style review task

Your school recently held a study skills workshop for students. Your teacher has asked you to write a review of the workshop for your school magazine.

Here are some comments about the workshop:

'The revision timetable activity was useful.'

'The slides had too much text.'

'The memory tips were easy to try.'

'There was not enough time for questions.'

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.

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| <b>Concise, engaging title</b> | <b>Possible techniques:</b> benefit-led wording / question / useful adjective  |
| <b>Introduction</b>            | <b>Context:</b> what the workshop was; who led it; when it happened; why it is worth reviewing<br><b>Hook:</b> Can one workshop change how you revise? |
| <b>Description</b>             | <b>Activities:</b> revision timetable, memory tips,<br><b>Teaching style:</b> practical, clear,  |

| Positives  | Negatives / Areas for improvement   |
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| <b>Idea:</b> revision timetable activity was useful<br><b>Detail / example:</b><br><br><b>Extra idea:</b> memory tips were easy to try<br><b>Detail / example:</b><br><br><b>Idea of your own:</b><br><b>Detail / example:</b> | <b>Issue:</b> slides had too much text<br><b>Detail / example:</b><br><br><b>Suggestion:</b><br><br><b>Another issue:</b> not enough time for questions<br><b>Detail / example:</b><br><br><b>Suggestion:</b> |

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## Education and School Life

Review planning bank: school lunch service

### Exam-style review task

Your school lunch service has recently changed. Your teacher has asked you to write a review of the lunch service for your school magazine. Here are some comments about the lunch service:

'The pasta dishes are much better now.'

'There are healthier options.'

'The queue is still too slow.'

'Some meals sell out quickly.'

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.

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| <b>Concise, engaging title</b> | <b>Possible techniques:</b> sensory detail / question / balanced opinion  |
| <b>Introduction</b>            | <b>Context:</b> what changed; where students eat; when you tried it; why it is worth reviewing<br><b>Hook:</b> Has school lunch finally improved? |
| <b>Description</b>             | <b>Key features:</b> pasta dishes, healthier options,<br><b>Service:</b> busy, improved,  |

| Positives   | Negatives / Areas for improvement  |
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| <b>Idea:</b> pasta dishes are much better<br><b>Detail / example:</b><br><br><b>Extra idea:</b> healthier options<br><b>Detail / example:</b><br><br><b>Idea of your own:</b><br><b>Detail / example:</b> | <b>Issue:</b> queue is still too slow<br><b>Detail / example:</b><br><br><b>Suggestion:</b><br><br><b>Another issue:</b> some meals sell out quickly<br><b>Detail / example:</b><br><br><b>Suggestion:</b> |

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| <b>Recommendation</b> | <b>Overall opinion:</b><br><b>Who would enjoy it most:</b><br><b>Final recommendation phrase:</b> |
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