



Public Places and Services

Review planning bank: new community centre

Exam-style review task

A new community centre has opened near your school. Your teacher has asked you to write a review of the centre for your school magazine. Here are some comments about the community centre:

'The study room is useful.'

'The staff are welcoming.'

'The booking system is confusing.'

'The cafe is expensive.'

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: practical question / clear judgement / vivid adjective
Introduction	Context: what the centre is; where it is; when you visited; why it is worth reviewing Hook: Could this centre become useful for students?
Description	Facilities: study room, cafe, staff desk, Overall impression: welcoming, practical,

Positives	Negatives / Areas for improvement
Idea: study room is useful Detail / example: Extra idea: staff are welcoming Detail / example: Idea of your own: Detail / example:	Issue: booking system is confusing Detail / example: Suggestion: Another issue: cafe is expensive Detail / example: Suggestion:

Recommendation	Overall opinion: Who would enjoy it most: Final recommendation phrase:
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Review planning bank: local bus service

Exam-style review task

Your class recently discussed the local bus service used by many students. Your teacher has asked you to write a review of the bus service for your school magazine.

Here are some comments about the bus service:

'The buses are usually clean.'

'The drivers are polite.'

'They are often late after school.'

'The timetable is hard to understand.'

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 / clear opinion / practical adjective
Introduction	Context: what the service is; who uses it; when you used it; why it is worth reviewing Hook: Is the local bus service good enough for students?
Description	Service features: clean buses, drivers, timetable, Reliability: polite, sometimes late,

Positives	Negatives / Areas for improvement
Idea: buses are usually clean Detail / example: Extra idea: drivers are polite Detail / example: Idea of your own: Detail / example:	Issue: often late after school Detail / example: Suggestion: Another issue: timetable is hard to understand Detail / example: Suggestion:

Recommendation	Overall opinion: Who would enjoy it most: Final recommendation phrase:
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Review planning bank: public sports hall

Exam-style review task

A public sports hall near your school has recently reopened. Your teacher has asked you to write a review of the sports hall for your school magazine.

Here are some comments about the sports hall:

'The courts are bright and clean.'

'The equipment is modern.'

'The changing rooms are small.'

'The reception queue is slow.'

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: active image / question / practical adjective
Introduction	Context: what the sports hall is; where it is; when you visited; why it is worth reviewing Hook: Is this sports hall worth booking?
Description	Facilities: courts, equipment, changing rooms, Atmosphere: bright, active,

Positives	Negatives / Areas for improvement
Idea: courts are bright and clean Detail / example: Extra idea: equipment is modern Detail / example: Idea of your own: Detail / example:	Issue: changing rooms are small Detail / example: Suggestion: Another issue: reception queue is slow Detail / example: Suggestion:

Recommendation	Overall opinion: Who would enjoy it most: Final recommendation phrase:
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Review planning bank: youth advice service

Exam-style review task

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

'The leaflets were clear.'

'The advisers listened carefully.'

'The waiting area felt crowded.'

'Some topics were not covered.'

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: sensitive question / clear judgement / useful adjective
Introduction	Context: what the service is; who it helps; where students met it; why it is worth reviewing Hook: Could this service really help young people?
Description	Service features: leaflets, advisers, waiting area, Tone: supportive, practical,

Positives	Negatives / Areas for improvement
Idea: leaflets were clear Detail / example: Extra idea: advisers listened carefully Detail / example: Idea of your own: Detail / example:	Issue: waiting area felt crowded Detail / example: Suggestion: Another issue: some topics were not covered Detail / example: Suggestion:

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