



HOMEWORK HELP

Pro formas, guides and
checklists to help kids
with their homework.

Planning With Kids Homework Help

Firstly I am not a teacher, but I am a parent who now has four children in school from prep to year eight. I am passionate about education and try to support my kids with their learning, not by doing the work for them, but by guiding them and providing them with tools so they can help themselves.

The pro formas and lists in this pack are all aimed at doing just that. They provide a framework for kids to use so they can complete homework tasks themselves or with only a little assistance. Naturally this takes time though and using them for the first few times will require more parental input until they become familiar with how to use the tools.

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TEEL Essay Structure

The TEEL Essay Structure is a basic framework for students to use to ensure they cover off the key components in their essay. It is generally used by secondary school students.

<http://planningwithkids.com/2012/06/03/teel-essay-structure/>

Persuasive Essay Pro Forma

I suggest that you use the second sheet in this pro forma first. It allows the child to list points for the affirmative and negative on the given topic. Once they have created the list, they can then work out what stance they should take (if they have a choice) on the topic. The pro forma has detailed guides on what to include in the “beginning, middle and end” sections of their essay. For use for primary school students.

Book Review Pro Forma

This pro forma is aimed at kids who are starting to write their first book reviews. It guides them on what to include in their “beginning, middle and end” and has tips on the sheet for editing.

Recount Pro Forma

A recount is a retelling of an event that the writer has experienced. A very familiar format for children on return from their school holidays!

How To Write A Biography – Upper Primary School Students

This document breaks down the task of writing a biography into manageable chunks. It provides an explanation of the different steps to be undertaken:

- Note taking
- Planning

- Writing
- Editing

<http://planningwithkids.com/2012/06/17/how-to-write-a-biography-upper-primary-school-students/>

Proof Reading and Editing Checklist For Kids

Proofreading your own writing is fairly boring work. To give more definition and purpose to this task, I created a checklist for kids to use as a guide for proofreading and editing their work.

<http://planningwithkids.com/2012/06/07/proof-reading-and-editing-checklist-for-kids/>

Useful Words List

A list of signal words – signal words give cues to readers and allow for smooth transitions between sentences. This list gives examples of signal words for different situations e.g. for comparing, for interlinking, for explaining a process.

Public Speaking Tips For Kids Table

The template not only helps the kids plan out the content for their speech, but also gives them tips on how to define the purpose, research and practice their speech.

<http://planningwithkids.com/2012/10/20/public-speaking-tips-for-kids/>

i before e Exceptions and Rules Activity

This activity is about the spelling strategy for the letter combination of i and e. It provides the basis for kids to think about how to spell groups of words and it also the exceptions that occur.

<http://planningwithkids.com/2012/06/14/i-before-e-exceptions-and-rules/>

Multiplication Grid

This times table activity works well with most kids, as it is hands on. It is a simple activity to do, which you can extend depending on the age of your child. Print out a multiplication grid and have your child choose which times tables group they are going to start on, e.g. sevens. Then get them to colour in each square that is a multiple of seven.

<http://planningwithkids.com/2012/08/30/multiplication-grid/>

8 Times Tables Wheel

This wheel is based on right brain math's learning and is a tool to help children learn their 8 times tables. See the link below for more information and a video.

<http://planningwithkids.com/2012/06/18/8-times-tables/>