

# TOP 10s BOOKS

## Where kids call the shots!

We're launching a fantastic new book series where children choose the topic and then we work with a team of experts, authors, and illustrators, to create an amazing book, packed with facts, jokes, and activities. Think *Guinness World Records* meets *Horrible Histories*, but with loads of extras thrown in too.

The books can be about **ANYTHING!** The top 10 mythical monsters, the top 10 spaceships, the top 10 medieval knights!

### How does it work?

- All children get to submit an idea for the top 10 topic they are most interested in
- We publish a list of 10 finalist ideas
- Children vote on the list
- The most popular topic gets turned into a book
- Before the book comes out, children get to submit their own version of the list
- We publish the finished book including some of the children's lists!



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### Awards

Top 10s isn't a competition, it is expected that many children will submit the same topic ideas. Children whose topics are chosen in the public vote will receive:

- Their names printed in the book
- A free copy of the printed book (1 per class)

### What to do next?

- **Let parents know:** Send-home slip included (p2)
- **Discuss it as a class:** Session guide and activity sheet included (p3,5)
- **Submit your entries:** Use the entry submission form inside Purple Mash (you'll find it in the [Reading Area](#)).

### Key dates

- **Throughout Nov, 2023:** Submissions open for topic ideas.
- **Throughout Jan, 2024:** Voting takes place.
- **Throughout Feb, March, and April, 2024:** Children submit their own lists.
- **June, 2024:** Book released.

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# TOP 10s TOPICS: IDEAS SESSION

## Teacher's Guide

Purple Mash Top 10s books can be about the top 10 of anything and they will be packed with fun facts, jokes, and activities. The really cool thing is that kids get to pick the topics!

The aim of this session is to get the children thinking more deeply about the concept of a Top 10s book. By introducing them to some ready-made lists, children will be able to consider what the theme could be, think about how their own order of preference might be different from someone else's, and ultimately come up with their own topic ideas. We recommend spending around 20 minutes on the session.

### Intro Activity: Guess the List

**Time:** 5 minutes

**Resources:** Activity sheet provided

**Description:** Fill in the blanks in the titles by working backwards from the answers.

**Tips and talking points:**

- Subjectivity: Do the children think they would rank these lists differently? Remind them that these lists are subjective (opinion based). Other people might think differently, that's ok and debate is healthy!
- Each item could be on the list for a different reason. Maybe it's the tallest, the oldest, the most colourful. Have a guess at why some of the items are on the list – what do you know about them?

**Answers:** Snakes / Sweets / British Monarchs

### Main Activity: Three Top 10s Ideas

**Time:** 10 to 15 minutes

**Resources:** Activity sheet provided

**Description:**

- Pick up to three categories from the list that interest you the most.
- For each chosen category, write down one thing/topic that interests you.
- Test out your ideas as a Top 10 title. Does it work? If not, try thinking of something else; maybe you just need to be more specific or expand on your idea?
- Rank your ideas with (1) being the one that interests you the most.

**Examples:**

Animals and Nature > Nocturnal animals > Top 10 Nocturnal Animals.

Design and Technology > Watches > The Top 10 Watches. *This is great, but you could be more specific, like 'The Top 10 Digital Watches'.*

Sports and PE > Football > Top 10 Football. *This needs some clarity, like 'The Top 10 Footballers' or 'The Top 10 Goalkeepers'.*

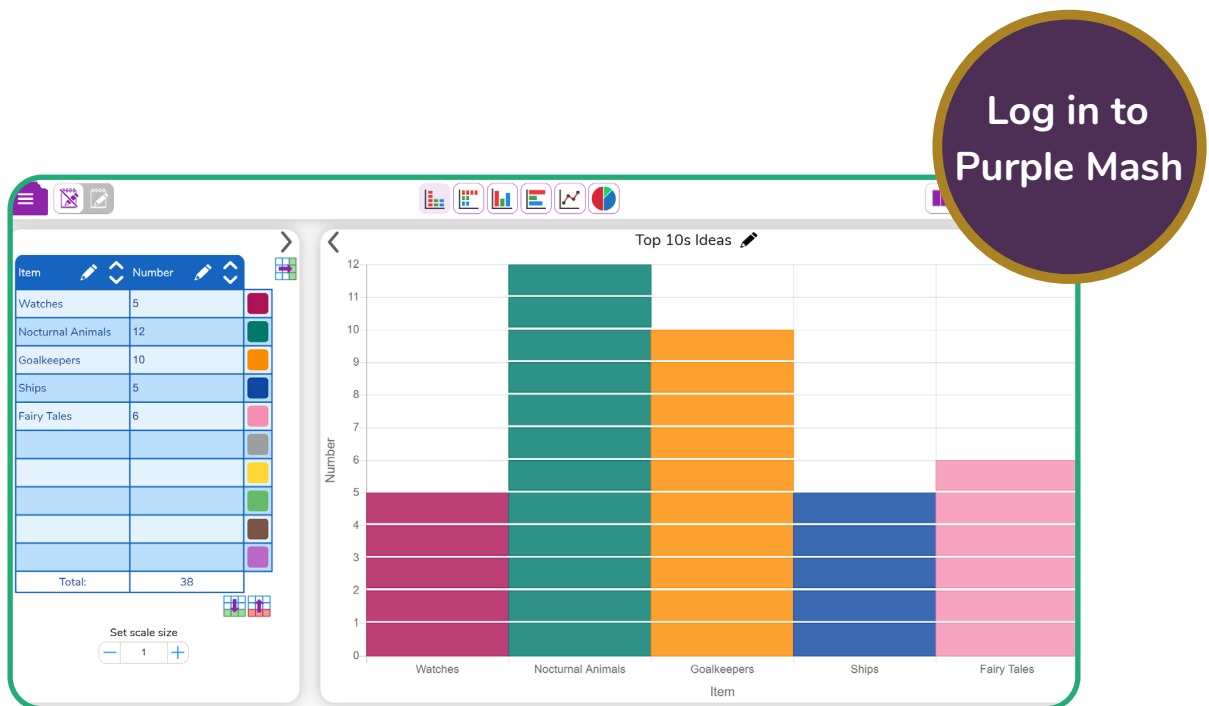
**Talking points:**

- We are looking out for ideas that are: unique, creative, fun, and have educational value. Ideas that infringe heavily on copyright (e.g. Disney characters) or reference adult content (e.g. Call of Duty games) won't be eligible to become finalists.
- It may help children to think about their favourite: books, films, toys, subjects/topics at school, sports and activities, places, heroes/people.

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## What happens next?

- Either ask the children to enter their ideas directly, using the form in the [Reading Area](#), or enter the children's ideas on their behalf (via the same form).
- To save time, you may want to select just one idea per child or select the top three ideas from the whole class. Remember to keep hold of the worksheets so you know who came up with each idea; you'll want to know this if an idea is selected as a finalist.
- **You could run your own class poll!** As the teacher, select between five and 10 finalists (that you think are the most: unique, creative, fun and educational). Either, use [2Survey](#) to create a poll that the children can complete or, do the voting with paper/show-of-hands and use [2Graph](#) to turn the results into a chart.



## Keep an eye out for the finalists!

The 10 finalist topics will be announced in December. The children will be able to vote for their favourite, which will then be made into a published book! Don't risk missing out – [register your email](#)\* to receive a notification when the finalists are announced.

\*[www.purplemashpublishing.com/pages/t10-updates](http://www.purplemashpublishing.com/pages/t10-updates)

# TOP 10s: ACTIVITY SHEET!

## 1) Guess the List!

Fill in the blanks to complete the title of each list.

**The Top 10**  
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1. Anaconda
2. King Cobra
3. The Inland Taipan
4. Boa Constrictor
5. Reticulated Python
6. Corn Snake
7. Emerald Green Pit Viper
8. Black Mamba
9. Rattle snake
10. Barbados Threadsnake

**The Top 10**  
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1. Chocolate
2. Honeycomb
3. Lollipops
4. Pick and Mix
5. Toffee
6. Candy floss
7. Marshmallows
8. Bubblegum
9. Jelly Beans
10. Liquorice

**The Top 10**  
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1. Alfred the Great
2. Queen Elizabeth II
3. Richard I
4. William the Conqueror
5. Elizabeth I
6. Queen Victoria
7. George VI
8. Henry VIII
9. Charles II
10. James I

## 2) Three Top 10s Ideas

Step 1: Choose three categories from the list that interest you.

Step 2: For each category think of a topic that would make a good Top 10 list.

Step 3: Rank your ideas 1 to 3 (with 1 being the one that interests you the most)

**Animals and Nature**

**Art**

**Design and Technology**

**English and Literature**

**Entertainment (e.g. music/films)**

**Food and Cooking**

**Geography**

**History**

**Maths**

**Science**

**Sports and PE**

Category: *Animals and Nature*

Topic *Jellyfish*

Rank 1 (2) 3

**EXAMPLE**

Category .....

Topic .....

Rank 1 2 3

Category .....

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Rank 1 2 3

## Terms and conditions

1. Submissions must be made between Monday October 30th and Friday December 1st 2023 and using the submission form within Purple Mash
2. Only children that meet the following criteria are eligible to submit an entry:
  - Currently in school Years 2 to 6
  - Live within the UK
  - Attending a school with an active Purple Mash licence or have an active personal Home User licence
3. Entries that are deemed inappropriate (meaning they contain words, topics or content that are explicitly adult in nature) will be deleted immediately and not counted as submissions
4. Entries which revolve entirely around copyrighted material (e.g. 'The best Marvel superheroes') will not be eligible for shortlisting as finalists
5. Entries that are incomplete or irrelevant will be deleted immediately and not counted as submissions
6. A shortlist of finalists will be chosen by 2Simple, based on: Creativity, individuality, educational value and fun factor. These decisions will be made by staff of 2Simple who are under no obligation to justify or evidence their decision-making process
7. Two winning ideas will be chosen from the list of finalists by public (Purple Mash users) vote
8. Entries can be made individually or collaboratively (e.g. a single entry representing the collaborative idea of a whole class or school)
9. There is a limit of three entries per child
10. There is no limit on the number of entries that can be submitted by a teacher
11. Users will be identified via their User ID and School ID which are only visible to 2Simple and are not visible publicly
12. Children who submitted one of the two winning ideas (it is likely multiple children will have submitted the same idea) will receive:
  - Their name printed in the book
  - A free copy of the book (one per school if more than one duplicate entry from the same class)
  - Children will be contacted via their school Purple Mash Administrator or school office
  - No identifying information about the children will be shared without the permission of the school

If you have any questions, please email [publishing@2simple.com](mailto:publishing@2simple.com) or call +44 (0)20 8 049 9597.

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