

What is uncertain? A note for each Maybe

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A Maybe records that the title and abstract do not settle the question. Three short lines say why, for a colleague, a supervisor, or you at full text.

The note

1. Criterion [number]: [what is unclear].
2. The abstract [says / does not say] [what].
3. Settled by: [what in the full text would decide it].

For example: Criterion 2: the setting is unclear. The abstract says “community services” but not the country.
Settled by: the methods section.

Your Maybes

[illegible]

Keep notes about the paper, in words you would be content for an examiner to read.

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