

Writing an Exposition

Purpose:

To argue a particular point of view, providing evidence to convince others.

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Examples of Expositions:

*persuasive articles,
newspaper editorials,
letters to the editor,
exposés, debates, speeches
in law suits, political
speeches.*



Structure:

1) Statement of Position:

Statement that gives a point of view on a topic.

2) Arguments:

Series of arguments and evidence that backs them up.

3) Reinforcement:

A concluding statement that summarises the arguments and restates the author's point of view.

Structural Features:

** Use a title.*

** Organise arguments by paragraphs.*

Language Features:

- * Uses present tense. Examples: I am, we are.*
- * Uses words that show cause and effect. Examples: therefore, as a result, consequently.*
- * Uses conjunctions and connectives. Examples: because, furthermore, besides.*
- * Uses ordinals to show order of importance of arguments. Examples: firstly, second, in the first place, finally.*

Persuasive Techniques:

- * Use strong emotive language to appeal to the audience.*
- * Use strong scientific evidence to back up arguments.*
- * Use personal experience to elaborate on arguments.*