

Writing an Explanation

Purpose:

To tell how or why things occur.

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Why is it so?



Examples of Different Types of Explanations:

*scientific explanations,
spoken explanations*



Structure:

1) Identifying Statement:

Statement of phenomenon to identify the topic to be explained.

2) Explanation Sequence:

Series of paragraphs that explain how or why things happen in chronological order.

3) Concluding Statement:

A paragraph that summarizes the explanation.

Structural Features:

*** Use a title.**

*** Organize information by paragraphs.**

Language Features:

- * *Uses passive voice.*
- * *Uses present tense.*
- * *Uses technical language.*
- * *Uses words for cause and effect sequences such as 'as a result', 'because'*
- * *Uses noun groups and abstract nouns.*
- * *Uses action verbs.*

Questions To Ask Yourself:

*What happened? Why did it happen? How did it happen?
What scientific terms do I need to use for this topic? Do I
need to include a glossary of these terms?*