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EXPLAIN IT CLEARLY

Teach a topic with facts and clear order.

About 35 minutes Level ★★★☆☆

Writing to Inform

Informative writing teaches the reader about a **topic** with clear **facts**.

- Goal is to **inform**, not to persuade or tell a story.
- Introduction names the **topic** and previews the main points.
- Body groups **facts** into focused paragraphs with details.
- Conclusion sums up the **points** in a new way.



Task A

Talk with your partner about informative writing. No writing now.

- What **topic** could you explain well to a fourth grader?
- How is informing different from **persuading**?
- What makes an introduction **clear** for the reader?

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SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Tell informative writing apart from other kinds.

Key words

informative: explaining with facts

fact: something true that can be checked

introduction: first part that names the topic

topic: what the writing is about

detail: a small fact that supports an idea

conclusion: last part that sums up ideas

Task B

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Circle the odd one out in each row. Say why.

1. tell why plants need sunlight | describe how beavers build dams | argue beavers are the best animal | explain how seeds grow

   Why?

2. opinion | fact | definition | example

   Why?

3. introduction | body paragraphs | conclusion | bedtime story

   Why?

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MAP A WORD

Explore a key word and check how you feel.

Task C

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Complete the **word map** for informative writing.

Definition (in my own words)

Characteristics

informative

Examples

report about how bridges stay up

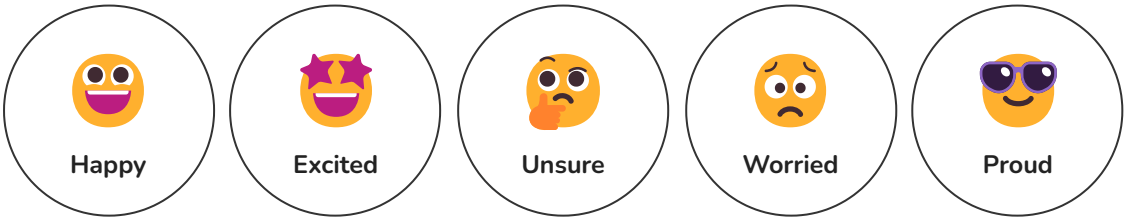
Non-examples

story about a talking dragon

Task D

Circle a face that shows your **feeling** today.

How do you feel about writing to **inform**?



Why do you feel like this?

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SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

Draw, write, and tell facts from opinions.

Task E

Draw and write to explain your topic clearly.

Draw beans growing in a cup and write 2 facts about what plants need

Draw here

Write here

Task F

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Tick fact or opinion for each sentence below.

Statement	Fact	Opinion
Bean plants need water and sunlight to grow.		
Growing beans is the most fun activity ever.		
An introduction names the topic for the reader.		
Everyone should grow beans at home.		

How can you tell that one of them is an opinion?

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SORT AND SOLVE

Unscramble words and sort strong writing moves.

Task G Example done for you /3

Unscramble each key word using the clue.

T I D E L A — a small fact that supports an idea: tadeli

DETAIL

T P C I O — what the writing is about: cipot

F T C A — something you can check: catf

E U O N L C D C — to sum up at the end: dencolcu

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EXPLAIN IT CLEARLY

↑↓ Task H

Example done for you

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Sort the words into the correct column below.

I think it's best | definitions | ~~facts~~ | opinions | examples | buy now! | clear order | once upon a time

Informative Writing Uses	Informative Writing Avoids
facts	

How did I do?

Circle a face for each line.

I can explain what informative writing does. ☹ 😐 ☺

I can tell a fact from an opinion. ☹ 😐 ☺

I can organize ideas with an introduction, body, and conclusion. ☹ 😐 ☺

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Answer sheet: Explain It Clearly

Task A

Answers will vary.

Task B

1. argue beavers are the best animal (The others inform with facts, but this one tries to persuade.)
2. opinion (The others are details that inform, but an opinion is what someone thinks.)
3. bedtime story (The others are parts of an informative piece, but this is a narrative.)

Task C

Definition: writing that explains a topic with clear facts
Characteristics: stays focused on the topic, uses facts and details, has clear order with transitions
Examples: report about how bridges stay up, how-to about growing beans in a cup
Non-examples: story about a talking dragon, ad that says buy this bike now

Task D

Answers will vary.

Task E

Answers will vary.

Task F

1. Fact
2. Opinion
3. Fact
4. Opinion

Task G

1. DETAIL
2. TOPIC
3. FACT
4. CONCLUDE

Task H

Informative Writing Uses: facts, definitions, examples, clear order
Informative Writing Avoids: opinions, buy now! once upon a time, I think it's best

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