

Mastering Explanation Texts: Word Mat

Learning objective: To identify and use the key linguistic features of explanation texts to describe how or why something happens.

Key Vocabulary

Use this vocabulary mat to help you structure your writing. The terms are categorised into structural components, causal language, and technical vocabulary.

Title The heading that tells the reader what t...	Introduction The opening paragraph that id...	Chronological Organised in the order in whi...
Subheading A small title used to break the t...	Paragraph A group of sentences focused on...	Cause The reason why something happens.
Effect The result or outcome of an action or ...	Conjunction A word used to connect clause...	Adverbial Words or phrases that describe w...
Technical vocabu... Subject-specific words ...	Present tense Writing about facts that are tr...	Passive voice A style where the object of an...
Diagram A visual drawing that helps the rea...	Caption A short description placed near a pi...	Conclusion A final paragraph that summari...
Explain why it is ...	Justify why 'caus...	Compare and con...
If you were writin...	What might happ...	Create a plan for ...