

How Things Work: My Explanation Text

Learning objective: To structure an explanation text using a clear introduction, sequential steps, and a concluding sentence.

Follow these steps to write your own explanation text. Use the word bank to help your sentences flow. Max the monkey is here to help you organise your thoughts!

Have you ever wondered how a honeybee makes delicious honey for the hive?

Word bank: First · Next · Then · After that · Finally · Because · This means · So · Specifically

1. Introduction: Start your text by telling the reader what you are explaining. Start with: 'An explanation of how [your topic] works is fascinating because...' (2 marks)

2. Step 1: Use a time connective to explain the first part of the process. Start with: 'First, the [item] begins by...' (2 marks)

3. Step 2: Describe what happens next in the process. Start with: 'Next, the [item] moves to...' (2 marks)

4. Conclusion: Sum up why this process is important. Start with: 'In conclusion, this process is useful because...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Can you add one 'Did you know?' box at the bottom of your page with an extra fun fact about your topic?