

Mastering Explanation Texts with Max the Monkey

Max the Monkey's Guide: Unlocking the How and Why!

- Explanation texts use a clear title to identify the process being explained, followed by an introductory paragraph to hook the reader.
- Writers use causal conjunctions like 'consequently', 'therefore', and 'as a result' to show how one step leads to the next.
- The main body paragraphs are organised in chronological order, often using numbered lists or bullet points to maintain logical flow.
- Technical vocabulary is essential; for example, if explaining a water cycle, you must include terms like 'evaporation' and 'condensation'.
- Visual aids such as diagrams, labels, or captions are used to help the reader visualise the process being described.
- Most explanation texts are written in the present tense because they describe processes that happen generally, not just in the past.

Did you know? Did you know? Explanation texts are designed to be objective. Instead of telling a story, they break down complex processes—like how a steam engine works or how a volcanic eruption occurs—into logical, easy-to-follow steps!

Key vocabulary: Chronological order · Causal conjunctions · Technical vocabulary · Present tense · Passive voice · Diagrams