

Expository Essay (Unit-1)

1) What is the definition of expository writing?

Have you ever written interesting facts about a person, place, or thing? Your factual account was an example of expository writing. Expository writing **presents readers with important research and information about a topic**. Expository writing gives facts and information about a topic.

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An expository essay or writing is **an essay that communicates factual information**. Broadly, this type of writing is known as expository writing. Expository essays rely on different structures to communicate their positions, like compare and contrast, process essays, and analyzing cause and effect.

2) The Expository Essay Structure

This means that there will be an introductory paragraph, followed by three body paragraphs, followed by the conclusion. While the expository essay format can and should change based on the assignment and the audience, this is a general expository essay outline.

- Your thesis statement needs to be well thought out and presented clearly in your opening paragraph. Your thesis statement is the decisive statement around which you've built your entire essay. A good thesis statement is a sentence that communicates your essay's position, the context for this position, and the scope of your essay's supporting paragraphs. This might sound like a lot for one sentence—generally, thesis statements are fairly long sentences with multiple clauses. Here are two examples of good thesis statements:
 - *Despite the taboo, insects make an excellent food source and could stem humanity's looming food shortage, based on both their protein output and the sustainability of farming them.*
 - *The backlash to rock 'n' roll music in the '50s by religious groups and traditionalists actually boosted the genre's popularity instead of diminishing it as intended.*

- Your tone should be **objective** and **academic**. While narrative and descriptive essays can take on artistic, impassioned, and familiar tones, expository essays stick to conventional language and a neutral tone.
- Stick to the facts. An expository essay is **not** the place to express your opinion—or even present the facts in a way meant to change or shape the reader's opinion.
- Always be **completely sure of the facts** you're presenting. That means thoroughly vetting your sources, cross-checking them with other reputable sources, and properly citing every fact you put forth as the truth.

3) What are the examples / types of expository?

Some of the most common examples of expository writing include **scientific reports, academic essays and magazine articles, descriptive essays, process essays, comparison essays, cause/effect essays and problem/solution essays.**

As we mentioned above, expository essays come in many forms. These include the following:

Classification essays

In a classification essay, you write about various subjects within one category, discussing each subject's unique characteristics alongside the characteristics that connect it with others in its category. For example, you might write a classification essay about different kinds of herding dogs. Your essay would start with a thesis statement about how herding breeds are different from other categories of dogs, then in each paragraph, discuss specific herding breeds (corgi, collie, heeler, etc.).

Definition essays

A definition essay defines its subject by presenting clear facts about it. Your definition essay might challenge commonly repeated myths about a historical event by presenting firsthand accounts of the event from primary sources and discussing relevant social, political, and economic trends that impacted the event and influenced perceptions of it.

Process essays

A process essay walks the reader through the steps involved in completing a task. A recipe has a lot in common with a process essay. A process essay's opening paragraph explains the process that will be covered and the end result of following the directions. Each body paragraph is a step in the process, then the conclusion explains what the reader should have achieved by completing each step.

Compare-and-contrast essays

In a compare-and-contrast essay, you support your thesis statement by examining the differences and similarities between the sources cited. For example, you might write an essay comparing and contrasting the dress code at your school with the dress codes at two neighboring schools. Your body paragraphs might examine the differences in which articles of clothing are and aren't allowed as well as the overall preciseness of each dress code's language and the amount of "gray area" present in each policy.

Cause-and-effect essays

As the name implies, a cause-and-effect essay gets into how specific events and/or actions caused others to occur. They sometimes trace chains of events to explore why we find ourselves facing certain circumstances today. An example of a cause-and-effect essay might be one tracking how shifting market trends over the past few decades impacted the industries in your region, creating the current local economy.