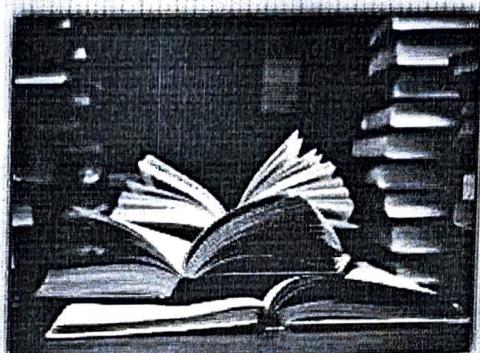


• Expository writing is any type of writing that is used to explain facts.

- Describe events
 - Give directions
 - Present ideas
 - Describe objects
 - Describe a process
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- The function of the expository essay is to acquaint your reader with a body of knowledge. By explaining a topic to the reader, you are demonstrating your own knowledge.

- The purpose of an expository essay is to present, completely and fairly, other people's views or to report about an event or a situation. Expository writing, or exposition, presents a subject in detail, apart from criticism, argument, or development.



Introduction

- Gain the readers' attention
- Introduce the subject
- Present the thesis statement

Body

- Topic sentences
- Evidential support
- Use of transitional sentences

Conclusion

- summary of the points already discussed
- Remind the audience about the thesis statement

Bibliography

- Expository essays are based on factual information which means the author probably relied on research for some of the information in her paper.

Some things you should know while writing an expository essay.

- Keep your writing concise and brief.
- Each paragraph should cover one topic and each sentence should present a new idea.
- Use transitory words and sentences to make your essay flow smoothly. Connect sentences with words like: however, for example, or such as. Connect paragraphs by having the topic sentence refer back to the preceding paragraph or the thesis statement.
- Quotes can illustrate and enhance a supporting idea.

Narrative Writing (fiction or non-fiction like your memoir):

- Tells a story
- Includes a setting & characters
- Contains a conflict
- Includes dialogue
- Provides resolution
- Creative

Expository Writing:

- Explains/discusses a topic
- Includes a thesis statement
- Contains evidence
- Includes commentary
- Provides a conclusion
- Informative

Narrative v Expository Writing

Example Paragraph 4



Write down the type of expository writing and thesis statement of this paragraph.

In recent decades, cities have grown so large that now most of the Earth's population lives in urban areas. There are several reasons for this occurrence. First, the increasing industrialization of the nineteenth century resulted in the creation of many factory jobs, which tended to be located in cities. These jobs, with their promise of a better material life, attracted many people from rural areas. Second, there were many schools established to educate the children of the new factory laborers. The promise of a better education persuaded many families to leave farming communities and move to the cities. Finally, as the cities grew, people established places of leisure, entertainment, and culture, such as sports stadiums, theaters, and museums. For many people, these facilities made city life appear more interesting than life on the farm, and therefore drew them away from rural communities.

Example Paragraph 3



Write down the type of expository writing and thesis statement of this paragraph.

Anger is having a feeling of hatred toward someone or something. Anger is one of our basic emotions and can be dangerous if it is not carefully controlled. A person can become angry when he cannot fulfill a basic need or desire that is important to him. Mentally, anger can interfere with our thoughts, making it difficult to think clearly. Physically, it may cause violent reactions in the muscles and in the nervous system. This causes an angry person to flush and tremble and to show other signs of disturbance. A person can be dangerous if he is in an angry mood because he can develop feelings of hostility and hatred toward another person, which can then often turn physically violent.

Example Paragraph 2



Write down the type of expository writing and thesis statement of this paragraph.

Chinese differs from English in several ways, and these differences make learning English difficult. First, the most complex difference is the word order. For example, in English, a greeting is 'How are you?' but in Chinese, the same greeting is 'You are how?' Beside this important difference, Chinese and English have many small differences. Chinese, for instance, does not distinguish between 'he' and 'she', as there is in English, which can be embarrassing. For these reasons, many Chinese born students make errors in their spoken and written English making it difficult to master.