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Information Texts

Definition



An informational text is a type of non-fiction writing, that is created with the intention of informing the reader about a specific topic. We encounter them every day whenever we read or view something that provides us with information. They can be written on a variety of different topics, but usually centre around real people, places, events or issues.

Informational texts help us to expand our knowledge and learn more about the world around us. It's important to recognise that although information texts focus on factual information, many contain opinions and bias and some are even written in a narrative style. Let's have a look at some of the main groups of information texts.

Types of Information Texts

Literary Non-Fiction

A genre of writing that uses literary styles and techniques to create factually accurate stories e.g. biography, autobiography, memoirs, personal essay, narrative journalism and narrative history.

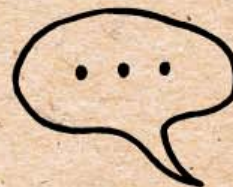


Expository Writing

Types of texts that exist to provide facts in a way that is educational and informative. They usually aim to have a more neutral and unbiased tone e.g. text books, newspaper or magazine articles, self-help books, history books, encyclopaedias etc.

Persuasive Texts

Texts whereby the author takes an argumentative position and tries to persuade the reader through evidence e.g. opinion pieces, editorials, open letters,



advertisements and political speeches.



Technical writing

This category includes academic, technical or procedural writing whereby a professional or expert conveys information about specialized topics or provides instructions to explain technical concepts e.g. scientific texts, scholarly articles, instruction manuals etc.



Purpose

We can discuss the purpose of information texts in a general sense by using words such as to inform, persuade, critique, argue, comment on, entertain, advise, satirise, protest, reflect and so on. Sometimes you'll be asked to identify the author's point of view. This means you'll be looking for their particular position, stance or attitude towards a topic. If this is presented in a strong and assertive way, we might refer to it as the author's argument. That is, when they give a reason or set of reasons with the aim of persuading the audience to agree with their viewpoint.



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