



Explanations- Year 4

Prior Knowledge:

- Introduction - process - conclusion
- Causal conjunctions and time conjunctions are used to explain each step
- Technical language used to add detail
- Present tense and present progressive.

Key features

Adverbs (time)	a word/phrase that describes when, for how long, or how often a certain action happened.
Adverbs (manner)	a word/phrase that describes how something has happened
Causal conjunctions	connecting words that explain the outcome of an action or an event, adding more detail to a sentence e.g., because, hence, consequently, as a result
Coordinating conjunctions	connecting words to join sentences e.g. for, and, nor, but, or, yet so
Imperative verbs	verbs used to give orders, commands or instructions
Subordinating conjunctions	a conjunction that introduces a subordinating clause e.g although, because, now that, until, while
Expanded noun phrases	gives more information about a noun by adding one or more adjectives
Prepositional phrases	a group of words consisting of a preposition, its object, and any words that modify the object
Fronted adverbials	words or phrases at the beginning of a sentence, used to describe the action that follows

Purpose: Writing that explains why or how something has happened. To explain cause and effect. To describe a scientific process sometimes in chronological order.

Examples: encyclopaedia entry, manual, Science investigation, question and answer section

Organisation, structure and effect

- Clear question as a title
- A concise introduction that includes the question
- Stages of the process in a clear, chronological order
- Paragraphs organised clearly around the topic, explaining how or why it happens
- Simple layout devices to organise your text and make it easier for the reader to follow
- Include a description of the parts within the process
- Use of adverbs to clarify the verbs and steps to be taken
- Use of prepositions to clarify time, place and cause
- Use of accurate language and technical language appropriately within the instructions
- Use of relevant diagrams or illustrations with captions to enhance the written explanations.
- A clear conclusion relevant to the steps explained

