

Creative Writing : Class 2

Genres and kinds of Writing

1. Expository [Explanatory] writing:

It is writing that seeks to explain, illuminate or 'expose' (which is where the word 'expository' comes from). This type of writing can include essays, newspaper and magazine articles, instruction manuals, textbooks, encyclopaedia articles and other forms of writing, so long as they seek to explain. It seeks to explain a topic to readers by analysing and evaluating information.

What is the aim of expository writing?

Expository writing has a clear purpose: to educate the reader. While it may also entertain or persuade the reader, these are secondary benefits and not the author's goal.

What are the 5 characteristics of expository writing?

The main features include:

- Informative - Expository text is meant to deposit information.
- Clarity - Using words that clearly show what the author is talking about.
- Organization of the text - A well-written exposition remains focused on its topic and lists events in chronological order.
- Impersonal
- Unbiased.

What are the examples of expository writing?

Most common types of expository writing are descriptive essays, process essays, comparison essays, cause/effect essays and problem/solution essays. **Eg.** Travel books, Travel Guides, cookbooks etc.

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Expository essays discuss topics by using facts rather than opinions.

What is the language of expository writing?

Since an expository piece is meant to explain something, it needs to use concise, easy-to read language. This type of writing will not contain overly descriptive language or advanced vocabulary. The sentences should be simple and to the point and shorter sentences are better for the reader.

Advantages of Expository writing: It helps students build knowledge and understanding, and improve communication skills.

What is the structure of expository text?

Expository texts typically follow one of five formats: cause and effect, compare and contrast, description, problem and solution, and sequence. Students can learn to recognize the text structure by analysing the signal words contained within the text.

Examples of Expository Topics:

1. Explain why you admire a particular person.

2. Explain why someone you know should be regarded as a leader.
3. Explain why parents are sometimes strict.
4. If you had to be an animal, which would you be and why?
5. Explain why you especially enjoy a particular teacher.
6. Explain why you like or don't like working in a team.
7. Describe some nonmaterial things that make you happy.
8. Explain how music affects your life.
9. Explain the impact of different music genres on society.
10. Explain the likely consequences of skipping school.
11. Describe the likely consequences of doing poorly in studies/ academics.

