

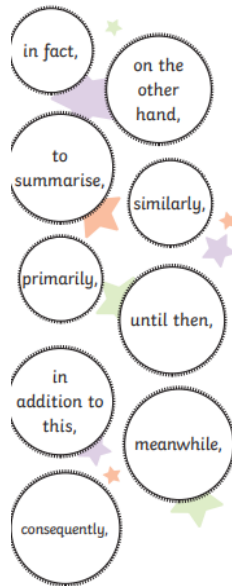
Purpose - What am I writing this for?

Explanation texts are pieces of writing that explain something. They might tell you how or why something happens or gives information on how to do something. Some examples are information books or leaflets, recipes.

Content - What do I include in my writing?

Does your explanation include...	
a question as a title?	
an introduction?	
detailed information about the topic?	
technical language for the topic?	
diagrams or illustrations with captions?	
organisational devices to structure your text?	
a summary to end your text?	

Adverbials



Language

Main and subordinate clause
Relative clauses
Apostrophes for possession
Expanded noun phrases
Rhetorical questions
Time adverbials
Fronted adverbials
Prepositional phrases
Technical language
Determiner



- Examples of Expanded Noun Phrases**
- a few university students...
 - her father's oak desk...
 - his grandmother's diamond ring...
 - the soggy playing field...
 - a stack of white paper...

Structure - How do I set my writing out?

Y4 Information Text: Explanation Example Text Annotated Genre Features

How Does the Water Cycle Work?

How you ever looked up at a grey, murky sky and wondered where the clouds and rain come from? It's all part of the water cycle. Read on to find out how the immeasurable amount of water in the world is constantly moving up, down, around and around!


Evaporation
When the heat from the sun warms any patch of water, the liquid turns into a vapour (gas) and this rises because it is lighter. The warmer the air, or if there is a drought or breeze, the quicker evaporation takes place. It even happens on puddles' surfaces. Try and watch the playground dry up next time there has been a shower!

Condensation
The water vapour is lifted into the sky. As you go higher, the air gets colder and cools down the gas. This causes the particles to condense (come together) and form microscopic droplets of water. Over time, millions of them gather like this and make clouds!

Precipitation
As soon as the water droplets reach a certain size, their weight is too great to stay in the air and they fall towards the ground. This is called precipitation! If the air is very cold, the water falls as ice or sleet! Otherwise, it falls as rain!

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Collection
Whenever the water lands, this is the 'collection' stage of the water cycle. Rain and snow may return to Earth in rivers or lakes, on the ground, or on houses and roofs, where it soaks down towards the rivers. Eventually, most of this water flows into the sea. The water cycle can now start again, from any place where water has collected even from your soaking wet hair!



The Water Cycle!

Fun Facts

- Did you know that about 90% of the world's fresh water is found in the thick layer of ice covering Antarctica?
- More than three quarters of the Earth's surface is covered in water. Have a look at a globe or map of the world and you'll notice just how much of it is blue! Most of this is contained in the seas and oceans but some is also found in rivers, lakes and glaciers!



The Earth!

Word Aware Word bank

existence develop apparent achieve reason design explain affect effect relevant creates happens recognise following definite individual equipment sufficient thorough necessary attached community amateur hindrance excellent especially occur immediately.