Explanatory text

What is an Explanatory Text?

An explanatory text (sometimes called an explanation) is a type of non-fiction text that explains a process (for example, how something works or why something happens like earthquakes, floods, etc.).

Key features of an Explanatory Text:

1)Bold Title

2)Introduction: has an opening statement that gives a general idea about what exactly is going to be explained in the text.

3)Body: may be presented in paragraphs, with each stage explained in a separate paragraph with a sub-heading, or a flow chart explaining each stage in a separate box.

4)Conclusion: the summary of the information mentioned in the body.

5)May include a labeled diagram or a glossary.

6)Language: Use the present tense, formal language, and facts in chronological order

7)Time connectives (firstly, secondly, before, etc.)

8)Key vocabulary: Scientific terms