

How to Write an Expository Essay

When students are asked to explain a topic or to write the steps in a process, it is called expository writing. This is an easy task when writing about something the student is familiar with. Have students use the outline below and see how easy writing an essay can be.

First Paragraph/Opening

Visiting the Fort Worth Botanic Garden can be a great way to spend the day! I will explain why I feel this way as I describe the wonderful smells, how peaceful it can be, and some of the cool things I've seen!

Second Paragraph

This paragraph needs to focus on the above first reason. Explain in detail how it smells. Use descriptive words here like scent, fragrance and bouquet. This is a good place to use a simile or metaphor. Remember to start this paragraph with a transition word or phrase.

Third Paragraph

This paragraph will focus on the peacefulness of the garden. Begin this paragraph with a transition word or phrase and use words ending with -ly and -ing to convey to the reader how you feel.

Fourth Paragraph

This paragraph will highlight the things that you have seen. Explain that along with flowers, plants and trees, a visitor might see a wide range of wildlife. Remember to enhance your writing with plenty of descriptive words. Again, a transition word or phrase is needed at the beginning of this paragraph. In conclusion, finally, and most important are some examples.

Fifth Paragraph/Conclusion

This is your conclusion. The closing paragraph should be a summarization of what you have already written. Be sure to read and revise what you've written. Enhance and embellish your writing- you want the reader to understand your enjoyment through your choice of words.

