

Characteristics of Explanations

Purpose:

To explain how or why something happens or works

Main Parts:

1. Introduction
 - A general statement to introduce the topic
2. Body
 - This will include steps explaining how or why something happens
 - Steps will continue until the explanation is complete
3. Conclusion

Features

- *uses simple present tense (e.g go)
- *technical terms are used to describe accurately
- *formal language
- *series of events

Typical Connectives:

Temporal connectives e.g then, next
Causal connectives e.g because, so

Examples

- *Explain a natural phenomena (such as migration of birds)
- *Explain how something works - sequential