

Planning to write an explanation

Name: _____

Getting started

What is my topic? _____

What do I want to explain? _____

Who am I writing for? _____

Where will I find information? _____

Planning my explanation

1. General statement

What am I explaining? _____

2. Explanation of the process

First _____

Next _____

Then _____

Finally _____



Hint: Explanations tell *how* and *why* things happen. They use words like *as*, *because*, and *when*. They use phrases that describe time.

Additional features I could use

- Maps to show location
- Text boxes to provide additional information
- Photographs and diagrams to support text
- Captions and labels to explain photographs and diagrams
- Time line to show history of key events