

THE EXPOSITORY COMPOSITION

This form of writing informs, clarifies, explains, or instructs by giving information. It explains why or how. It must be clear and focused through the presentation of facts, examples, or definitions. It must be objective and NOT based on emotions.

Paragraph #1 should include the following:

Sentence 1: Make it an interest grabber. Use a question, create a word picture, but get the reader's attention.

Sentence 2: Restate the question in sentence form. This will keep the paper focused.

Sentence 3: This is a sentence about your first reason, argument, or example.

Sentence 4: Another sentence stating the second reason, argument, or example.

Sentence 5: One more sentence stating your final reason, argument, or example. (You can combine 3rd, 4th, and 5th sentences)

Sentence 6: This is the concluding sentence that should lead into the next paragraph.

Paragraph #2, #3, and #4:

Sentence 1: Start by using a transition word in combination with a restatement of the question. (The first reason that I....)

Sentence 2: Develop your example in these next few sentences. Give evidence and elaborate on them. Don't forget to add personal experiences. This is also the place to show off some of your vocabulary. A little well-placed humor and creativity will definitely add to the quality of the paper.

Paragraph#5

Sentence 1: Restate your topic in words that are different from those in the introduction.

Sentence 2 & 3: Summarize, put all you've said in paragraphs 2,3, and 4 together. Draw a one-sentence conclusion.

Sentence 4 or the final sentence: End with a zinger that will make the reader think or smile about what you have written.