

Different types of writing



The text extracts below could have come from any of the following types of writing: instructions, explanations, poems, folk tales, novels, informative, or arguments. Read each extract, then decide which type of writing it is.

Stop! Before you throw anything away, think ... _____

The old miller knew he had not long to live so ... _____

If the water is added gradually to the powder in the test tube, then ... _____

Thus, the water evaporates and returns to the atmosphere. _____

That peculiar person from Putney! _____

The day was warm, though cloudy, and I noticed a strange scent in the air ... _____

a blue-gray day
a Saturday _____

Surely you must realize that ... _____

Add the beaten egg ... _____

The second planet from the Sun is called ... _____



Choose one of the above extracts that comes from a fiction book. Imagine what the rest of the paragraph might look like, and write a draft version on a separate sheet of paper. Then write the finished paragraph below.

Remember: Fiction means text that was invented by the writer.

If you want to, do the same thing by choosing an extract from a nonfiction book. Write the paragraph on a separate sheet of paper.

Remember: Nonfiction means that the informative in the piece of writing is factual.