

Informative and Explanatory Writing

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Quick Review

An informative piece teaches the reader. It has (1) a topic sentence that names the topic, (2) facts and details, (3) words that define hard ideas, and (4) a closing sentence.

PRACTICE

Choose or write the best answer for each question.

- Which sentence is the BEST topic sentence for a piece about bees?
 - I think bees are scary.
 - Bees are insects that help flowers and people.
 - Bees should not live near my house.
 - Bees are my favorite bug.
- Which sentence is a FACT that fits a piece about rain?
 - Rain is the best kind of weather.
 - Rain is water that falls from clouds.
 - I do not like rainy days.
 - Rain is boring to watch.
- Which sentence DEFINES a word for the reader?
 - A puppy is a young dog.
 - Puppies are cute.
 - I have a puppy.
 - Puppies run fast.
- Which is a GOOD source for facts in an informative piece?
 - a fairy tale book
 - a science book about animals
 - a joke book
 - a make-believe story
- Which sentence does NOT belong in a piece about how a seed grows?
 - A seed needs water to grow.
 - A seed grows roots first.
 - I planted a seed at my grandma's house.
 - A small green plant pushes up from the soil.



6. Which is the BEST closing sentence for a piece about the sun?
 - A. The sun is cool.
 - B. The sun is a star that gives Earth light and heat.
 - C. I think the sun looks like a ball.
 - D. The sun is one thing.
7. What is the JOB of an informative piece?
 - A. to make readers laugh
 - B. to tell a make-believe story
 - C. to teach the reader facts about a topic
 - D. to get readers to agree with you
8. A sentence that names the topic and tells what the piece is about is called a _____ sentence.

Answer: _____

9. Pick a topic you know about. Write a TOPIC SENTENCE for an informative piece.

10. Write a short PLAN for an informative piece. Include the topic, two facts, and a closing idea.



Answer Keys

- 1 A B C D
- 2 A B C D
- 3 A B C D
- 4 A B C D
- 5 A B C D

- 6 A B C D
- 7 A B C D
- 8
- 9
- 10

Explanations

1. B	A topic sentence names the topic with a fact, not an opinion.
2. B	It tells a true fact about rain that can be checked.
3. A	It tells the reader what the word puppy means.
4. B	A science book gives real facts you can use.
5. C	It is a personal story, not a fact about how seeds grow.
6. B	A closing sums up the topic with a strong fact.
7. C	An informative piece teaches facts about a topic.
8. topic	The topic sentence names the topic of the piece.
9.	Answer: Example: A frog is an animal that lives both in water and on land. Accept any clear topic sentence about a real subject.
10.	Answer: Example: Topic: cows. Fact 1: cows eat grass. Fact 2: cows give us milk. Closing: cows are helpful farm animals. Accept any plan with a topic, two facts, and a closing idea.



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