

Informative and Explanatory Writing

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Quick Review

Focus on informative writing that explains a topic clearly. Strong test answers are precise, purposeful, and supported by the wording of the task.

PRACTICE

Answer each question. Choose the best answer for multiple-choice items and write complete short responses.

- Which choice BEST demonstrates informative writing that explains a topic clearly?
 - The water cycle is interesting and everyone should learn it.
 - The water cycle includes evaporation, condensation, precipitation, and collection, and each stage moves water through the environment.
 - I think evaporation is the best science word.
 - Clouds are nice, and rain can be annoying.
- Which revision best applies informative writing that explains a topic clearly? Original: Volcanoes are dangerous things that explode.
 - Volcanoes form when pressure forces molten rock through openings in Earth's crust, creating lava flows, ash, and new landforms.
 - Volcanoes are dangerous things that explode.
 - The water cycle is interesting and everyone should learn it.
 - I think evaporation is the best science word.
- A student is working on this task: A student is explaining how public libraries support communities. Which choice would be MOST effective?
 - The water cycle is interesting and everyone should learn it.
 - I think evaporation is the best science word.
 - Organize the response by services: access to books, technology, classes, and meeting spaces.
 - Clouds are nice, and rain can be annoying.
- Which explanation best describes why the stronger choice works?
 - It is longer than the other choices, so it must be better.
 - It uses complicated words even if they do not fit.
 - It avoids evidence so the reader can decide alone.
 - It is specific, relevant to the task, and controlled by informative writing that explains a topic clearly.



- 5. Which next step would most strengthen the student's work?
 - A. Add an unrelated personal story.
 - B. Add domain-specific vocabulary and define it in context.
 - C. Replace precise words with vague ones.
 - D. Remove the clearest evidence.
- 6. Which mistake should the student avoid?
 - A. Turning the explanation into an unsupported opinion.
 - B. Checking that each choice fits the audience.
 - C. Using evidence that directly supports the point.
 - D. Rereading the sentence after revising it.
- 7. Which answer is too vague to earn full credit?
 - A. It works because it applies informative writing that explains a topic clearly to the exact task.
 - B. It is stronger because the evidence is relevant and sufficient.
 - C. It is better because it sounds good.
 - D. It improves clarity without changing the meaning.
- 8. Which habit best supports accuracy on this type of question?
 - A. Choose the first familiar word.
 - B. Ignore the audience and purpose.
 - C. Pick the longest answer every time.
 - D. Read the whole sentence or task before choosing an answer.
- 9. Draft a focused topic sentence for an explanatory paragraph about renewable energy.

- 10. Name two kinds of evidence that belong in an informative essay.



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

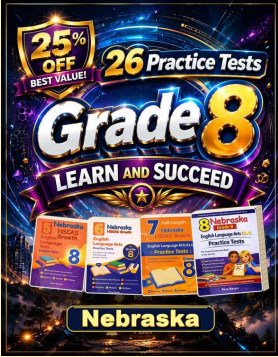
- 6 A B C D
- 7 A B C D
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Explanations

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| 1. B | The correct choice demonstrates informative writing that explains a topic clearly clearly and precisely. |
| 2. A | The revision improves the original while preserving its intended meaning. |
| 3. C | The correct choice fits the task and gives the writer or speaker a concrete move to make. |
| 4. D | Length and difficult vocabulary do not make an answer strong; relevance and control do. |
| 5. B | The best next step improves clarity, support, or control of the skill. |
| 6. A | The correct answer names a common error that weakens this skill. |
| 7. C | A test response must explain the reason, not merely praise the answer. |
| 8. D | Careful reading prevents attractive but wrong choices. |
| 9. | Answer: Strong answers should explicitly use informative writing that explains a topic clearly, stay specific, and explain the reason for the choice. Use exact wording from the text or task, then explain your reasoning. |
| 10. | Answer: Strong answers should include a corrected example or explanation that preserves meaning while improving informative writing that explains a topic clearly. Use exact wording from the text or task, then explain your reasoning. |



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