

Expository Essays (presenting an opinion)

With these essays you are given a topic to relate to by listing characteristics, features, and examples. It provides details about how something looks, feels, makes one feel etc. An expository essay is a writer's exposition (explaining) of a short topic, idea, or question.

**HELP with
Expository Essay**



Expository Essays consist of 4 paragraphs:

Paragraph 1: Write an introduction where the topic and your opinion (and suggestions/offers etc.) are stated clearly.

Paragraph 2: Present a supportive argument. Back up your argument with reasons, facts and examples.

Paragraph 3: Present another supportive argument. Support your opinion with reasons, facts and examples.

Paragraph 4: End with a strong conclusion where the main points of the essay are summarized and your opinion is restated in other words.

Useful Phrases for Writing Expository Essays:

To express opinion:

The main characteristics, the most important components, I believe, In my opinion, I think, In my view, I strongly believe, It seems to me (that), As far as I am concerned, I am (not) convinced that..., I (firmly) believe ...

To list points:

In the first place, first of all, to start with, Firstly, to begin with.

To add more points:

what is more, another major reason, also, furthermore, moreover, in addition to this/that, besides, apart from this, not to mention the fact that...

To introduce examples:

for example, for instance, such as, in particular, especially...

To conclude:

In conclusion, To sum up, All in all, All things considered.

Example: A teen magazine has asked its readers what they think the qualities of a good friend are.

Write a passage for the magazine stating your opinion. Give one or two specific qualities and explain why.

There are many different qualities I look for when choosing my friends. However, in my opinion, the most important qualities a person must possess in order to be considered a good friend are honesty and understanding.

To begin with, the first quality I look for is honesty. A good friend is someone who is not a "YES person." He is not afraid to criticize me or point out my flaws. A good friend does not think about pleasing me at all times by saying YES, when in fact the situation warrants that he says things which may be unpleasant, but true.

In addition, another important quality is understanding. That is to say, that a good friend is one who understands me and knows when something bothers me. For instance, when others cannot see anything wrong with my body language, a good friend knows something is up, seeks to find out the source of the trouble and helps come up with solutions to the problems I have.

In conclusion, there are many additional qualities I look for in my friends but honesty and understanding are the two most important to me. I also try to practice these qualities so I can be a good friend in return.

