

Explanations

(Explanations are used to explain events and processes or to tell you how or why something works)

- ❖ Clear title (question format?)
- ❖ Opening question - Have you ever wondered...
- ❖ Initial description about the subject
- ❖ General information organised into paragraphs
- ❖ Give reasons to explain how or why
- ❖ Process explained step by step in **chronological order**
- ❖ Use **time connectives**
(then, next and after)
- ❖ Use **connectives to explain cause and effect**
(because, if and so)
- ❖ Try to make the facts **intriguing**
- ❖ Use **technical words**
- ❖ Write in **third person**
- ❖ Use **present tense**
- ❖ Concluding paragraph - Answer the title question or problem

Don't forget that all explanations need punctuation too!
Remember to vary your sentences and VCOP!