

Explanation Texts

Why do Earthquakes Happen?

Purpose	Explains how something happens, or why something is the way it is.
Structure and paragraphs	An introduction to the topic, then paragraphs. These must be in order if explaining a process. End with summary.
Person	3rd person
Tense	Present
Vocabulary	Time connectives Causal connectives
Other features	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Title may be a question. Diagrams and labels, Pictures and captions. Lists. Glossary.
Examples	How do circuits work? What causes rain? How do plants grow?

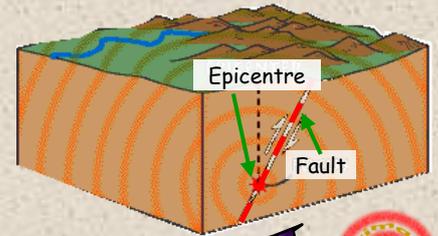
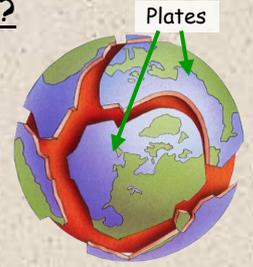
Earthquakes can be very destructive, and geologists spend a lot of time and money trying to understand how they happen so they can warn people.

Firstly we need to know that the Earth's surface is split into different moving parts called plates. As a result of anything that moves, sometimes they can crash into each other, and in this case cause an earthquake.

When one plate moves against another, because they are rocky, they stick due to friction. After some time, the pressure and need to move builds up.

Eventually, the plates overcome the friction and suddenly move causing what feels like powerful shaking - an earthquake. The centre of an earthquake is known as the epicentre, and the large cracks that form are called faults.

The shaking can cause buildings to fall and large waves (Tsunamis) to form causing massive damage, that is why it is important to give people as much warning as possible.



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Letters

Purpose	Letters can be written for many different reasons and language will vary although they should always be polite.
Structure and paragraphs	Contact details and date. First paragraph should explain why you are writing. Then paragraphs give details. Finish letter with your name.
Person	1 st person
Tense	Present
Vocabulary	Depends on purpose. It will either be formal or informal.
Other features	Greeting (dear...) Closing (yours...) Formal letters may have a title beneath the greeting.
Examples	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thank you letters A letter just to say hello A complaint, or a request To inform about something.

The Cottage
Mancunia
M25 3RT
18th April 2011

12 Abtham Crescent
Brumaria
B19 4PR
18th April 2011

Dear Mayor,

Playground Facilities in Roberts Park

I am writing to complain about the current playground facilities at Roberts Park.

There are currently not enough climbing frames at the park, and the one that is present is partly broken.

The children are dangerously climbing trees instead and one child was recently hurt because of this.

Please make this a priority to fix. I look forward to your reply,

Yours faithfully,
Josh Cameron

Dear Auntie Jean,

I hope you are well! I would like to thank you for the recent art set you bought me for my 10th birthday.

I love it! So far I have painted 2 pictures that I am very proud of.

The one of the park landscape I made for you. I hope you like it!

I had a fabulous birthday and a wonderful party with my friends.

There was lots of delicious cake and we went bowling in the afternoon.

Unfortunately my dad won, but we all had a good time anyway.

I hope to see you soon,

Yours truly,
Katie

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