

Steps for Writing an Expository Paragraph

Prewriting

1. Ask yourself, “What do I need or want to write about? What do I already know about the topic? What do I need to find out? Who will be reading what I write? How can I make the topic more interesting or explain it more clearly?”
2. Make a list of your ideas.
3. Write your main idea.
4. Collect facts and details that support the main idea.
5. List your facts and details in the order that you will write about them.

Writing

6. Begin with a sentence that tells about your topic. The topic sentence should contain the main idea of the paragraph.
7. Write about your topic, using your list of facts and details.
8. End with a strong closing sentence. You may want to restate your main idea in the closing sentence.

Revising

9. Check your work for the following:
 - a clear main idea
 - relevant facts and details
 - writing that has a logical order and makes sense
 - specific, descriptive words
 - complete, clear sentences

Editing

10. Check your work for correct spelling, capitalization, and punctuation.

Publishing

11. Write the final copy of your work.