

	Needs work	Getting there	Got it!
Title	No title or title doesn't have to do with the topic.	Title has to do with the topic but doesn't give very much information.	Title gives information about what the explanation will tell you and includes "how or why" in it.
Paragraphs	Explanation is not broken into paragraphs.	Explanation has paragraphs but it does not have one idea per paragraph.	Explanation has one idea per paragraph, and includes an introduction and summary with details.
Vocabulary	There are no special words that relate to your topic.	There are some special words that relate to your topic, but some are missing.	All the special words that relate to your topic are there.
Grammar	Doesn't use joining words like <i>because</i> or <i>so</i> to show cause and effect. Doesn't use timeless present tense.	Sometimes uses joining words to show cause and effect. Mostly uses timeless present tense.	Uses joining words to show cause and effect whenever this is needed. Always uses timeless present tense.
Sequencing	Explanation of events is not in sequence.	Explanation of events is mostly in sequence.	Explanation of events is in sequence.
Punctuation	Hardly ever uses full stops, commas and capital letters correctly.	Usually uses capital letters, commas and full stops correctly.	Almost always or always uses capital letters, commas and full stops correctly.