

EXPOSITION TYPES

KIND OF PARAGRAPH	PURPOSE OF PARAGRAPH	LENGTH OF PARAGRAPH	CONTENTS OF PARAGRAPH	SPECIAL QUALITIES OF PARAGRAPH	ORDER OF PARAGRAPH
<u>NARRATIVE</u> 1. personal 2. character	To tell the events of one incident or happening.	100-250 words.	Topic sentence is important. Must have characters, setting, and a plot or story.	Usually begins with setting. Needs personal pronouns.	Chronological order: (time order). First event to last.
<u>DESCRIPTIVE</u> 1. general 2. character	To paint a picture with words. General-a place or thing. Character-physical and personality.	100-250 words.	Topic sentence introduces and gives unity to the word picture.	Sensory images: (sight, sound, taste, touch, smell). Uses a combination of two or three senses.	Spatial order (top to bottom, left to right, near to far-- or vice versa).
<u>EXPOSITORY</u> 1. definition 2. comparison 3. contrast 4. detail 5. example (illustration) 6. classification 7. process analysis 8. reasoning (opinion)	To explain a point of view.	100-250 words.	Topic sentence with controlling idea is essential	To explain clearly the meaning of the controlling idea.	Logical order (most important to least important, most difficult to least, cause to effect or vice versa).