Writing an informative text

Organize accurate information around a question and useful subtopics.



Read one branch at a time. Then cover the details and explain them in your own words.

Understand the topic

An informative text explains a topic for a particular reader. Begin with a focused question, gather suitable sources, and group information into paragraphs with clear purposes. Explain unfamiliar terms and connect examples to the main point. Separate established information from uncertainty and identify where claims come from.

How the map is organized

The branches move from purpose and sources to structure and checking. Give each paragraph one main job.

> **Watch out for this**
> A collection of copied facts is not yet an explanation. Show how the facts answer the reader's question.

Try it yourself

Explain how rainwater reaches a river for a younger student. Plan three paragraphs, add one example, and identify a claim that needs a source.

Two questions to answer

What should guide paragraph selection?

Each paragraph should help answer the focused question.

What improves an unfamiliar term?

A concrete example helps connect a definition to use.

Sources

writingcenter.unc.edu
https://writingcenter.unc.edu/tips-and-tools/paragraphs/

Original practice material compiled by Studera.ai. Explore at studera.ai/en/resources/mind-map-examples.