

Week 1 – Explanation Writing

WAGOLL – How do Teachers Help Us?

Read the WAGOLL (What A Good One Looks Like).

- What features of explanation writing can you spot?
- What are the purpose of these features?
- How has punctuation/ layout been used for affect?

How do teachers help us?

It is not an exaggeration to say that a great teacher can change a pupil's life. There are many ways in which a teacher can help a pupil.

Education

Firstly, a great teacher makes learning fun and engaging. When a classroom is an exciting environment, pupils enjoy learning. Teachers teach a range of subjects to pupils during their time in school. These can be both active subjects such as PE and DT. But also the most important skills a teacher will give a pupil are reading, writing and maths.

Guidance

Secondly, teachers offer their pupils much more than simply an education. Teachers spend a considerable amount of time each school day with pupils and so offer them guidance on a range of different of their life; for example, decision making and friendships. Teachers are often the first person a pupil will turn to for advice when they face a problem.

Life skills

Teachers not only educate pupils academically. They also help them to grow in to adults – citizens of the future. Through being a positive role model, teachers are able to show pupils how they should conduct themselves as they make their journey to adulthood.

Finally, teachers create memories that pupils will cherish long into their adult life; a school trip, a residential or just an inspiring art lesson. Any pupil who has had a truly amazing teacher can remember not only the teacher, but also the experience the teacher gave them.

Checklist

Explanation Writing

1. Title
2. Introduction tells the reader what the explanation text is about
3. Each paragraph starts with a topic sentence
4. Causal conjunctions
5. Time conjunctions
6. Technical language for the topic
7. Present tense
8. Third person
9. Evidence to support points
10. Conclusion that summarises the points

- Do you find all these features?
- Are you confident using them all in your own writing?
- Are there any you need to research?



Time Conjunctions Word Mat



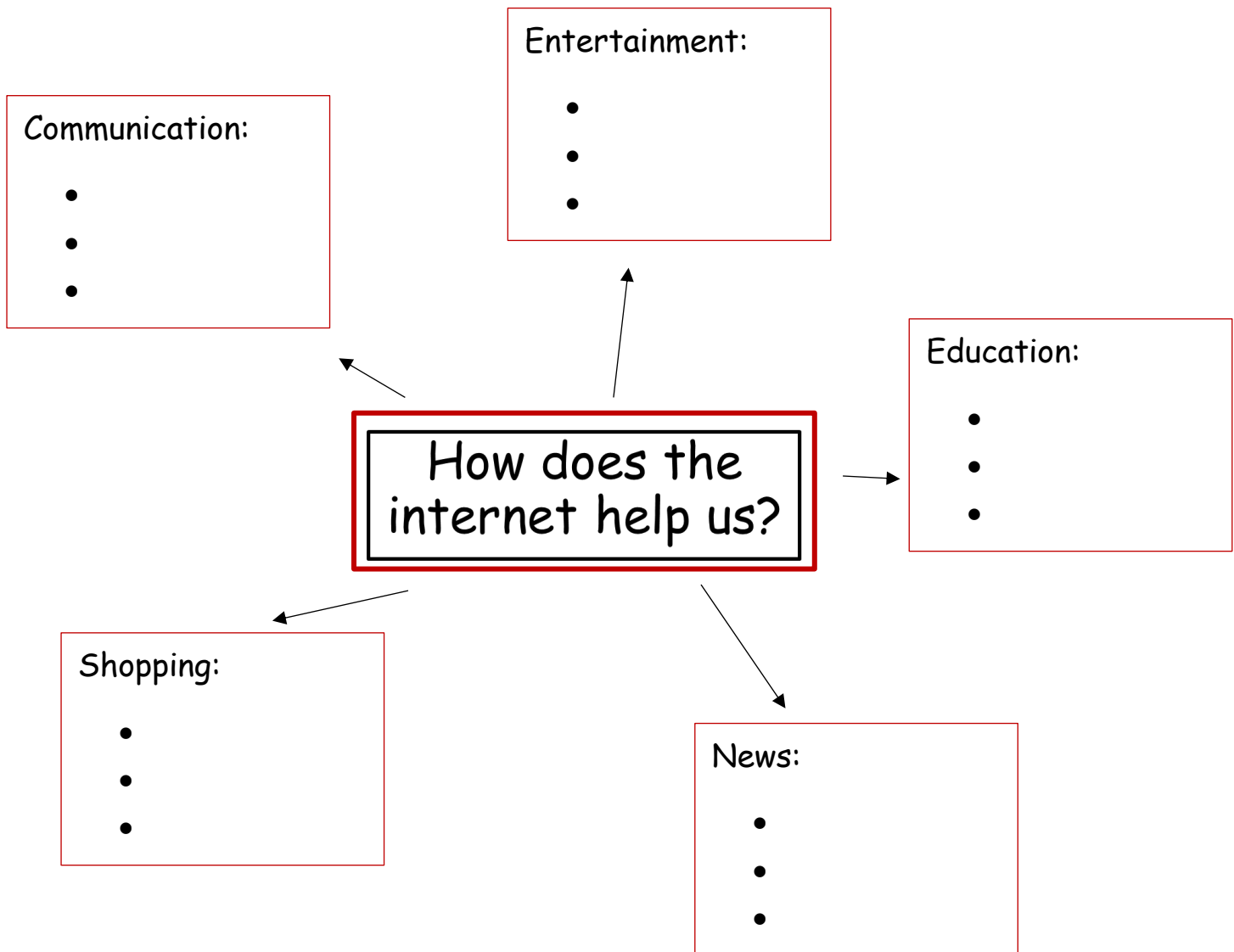
As soon as possible		Before	
Without warning	Suddenly	In the beginning	
Next	After	In the end	Later
Just at that moment		First	Eventually
Several months later		While	
Meanwhile	Earlier	Finally	Just then

Causal Conjunctions

because	since	even though	as
now that	so	yet	accordingly
consequently	therefore	hence	as a result

Planning - How Does the Internet help us?

Begin your planning by thinking about all the ways the internet helps us. Organise your ideas under these subheadings.



Then take your ideas and organise it into a planning format (boxing up). Choose the 3 subheadings you think you can write the most about.

Writing - 'Boxing up'			
EXPLANATION	Paragraph	Key points	Vocabulary and punctuation
Opening. Introduce what you are going to explain.	Paragraph 1		
Points: With subheading. P E E	Paragraph 2		
	Paragraph 3		
	Paragraph 4		
Conclusion	Paragraph 6		

Writing – How does the internet help us?

Using your plan and the checklist, write your explanation text to answer the question ‘*How does the internet help us?*’ Remember DON’T RUSH! Each paragraph should be made up of a point, example and explanation.

Proof Reading and Editing

- Have you used capital letters and full stops correctly?
- Using the checklist, number the features in your writing.

HOT Write – Explanation							
Explanation Writing	S	P	T	Writing	S	P	T
1. Title				Paragraphs			
2. Introduction tells the reader what the explanation text is about				Joined, legible, fluent handwriting			
3. Each paragraph starts with a topic sentence				A range of punctuation			
4. Causal conjunctions				Capital letters			
5. Time conjunctions				Varied vocabulary			
6. Technical language for the topic							
7. Present tense							
8. Third person							
9. Evidence to support points							
10. Conclusion that summarises the points							

- Are there any features you have missed? Can you find somewhere to add these in?
- Are there any spellings you were unsure of? Use an online dictionary to check these.
- Are there any words you think could be made more interesting? Use an online thesaurus to find alternative synonyms.
- Can you read your writing to a sibling or adult? Convince them that you have included all the features of a good explanation text.

Ask your adult to tweet a picture of your writing to [@BeecroftAcademy](https://twitter.com/BeecroftAcademy) so we can all see your fantastic explanation text!

