



REVIEWING EXPLANATION TEXT

Genre-based Approach / ESP Class

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DEFINITION:

- Explanation is a text which tells processes relating to forming of natural, social, scientific and cultural phenomena. Explanation text is to say 'why' and 'how' of the forming of the phenomena. It is often found in science, geography and history text books.
- Generic Structure of Explanation Text
 - – General statement
 - General statement; stating the phenomenon issues which are to be explained.
 - – Sequenced of explanation
 - Sequenced explanation; stating a series of steps which explain the phenomena.

PURPOSE OF EXPLANATION TEXT

- Explanation is a text which tells processes relating to forming of natural, social, scientific, and cultural phenomena.
- – To explain how or why something happens.
- According to Mark Anderson and Kathy Anderson (1997: 82) says that the explanation text type is often used to tell how and why thing (phenomena) occur in nature.

THE GENERIC STRUCTURE:

- A general statement :
- Dalam general statement berisi tentang penjelasan umum tentang fenomena yang akan dibahas, bisa berupa pengenalan fenomena tersebut atau penjelasannya.
- A sequenced of explanation (Soimah)
- A sequenced of explanation berisi tentang penjelasan proses mengapa fenomena tersebut bisa terjadi atau tercipta. A sequenced of explanation berupa jawaban dari pertanyaan 'why' dan 'how' penulis ketika membuat sebuah Explanation text. Dalam sequenced of explanation bisa terdiri lebih dari satu paragraf.
- Closing (Latifatul)
- Sebenarnya closing itu tidak tercantum dalam generic structure dari Explanation text, tetapi kebanyakan orang beranggapan bahwa paragraf terakhir dari sebuah Explanation text adalah closing, padahal itu merupakan bagian dari sequenced of explanation yang berisi tentang langkah akhir yang dijelaskan pada bagian sequenced of explanation.

EXAMPLE OF EXPLANATION TEXT:

Flooding is a disaster which commonly happens in large and densely populated cities. In Indonesia, the floods hit Jakarta very often and cause many victims. Then, do you know the process of how flood happens? Pay attention to the following explanation.

The process of natural flooding is preceded by rain which falls to the surface of the earth. Then the rain water is absorbed by the ground surface and flows to the lower place. Once that condition happens, evaporation and the water appear to the surface of the land. Flooding can be disastrous for humans when floods happen in an area that people live because the water carries along objects like houses, bridges, cars, furniture and even people.

On the other hand, the process of non natural flooding is usually caused by bad habits of humans who do not care about the environment, such as littering that can make water flow clogged. This makes the water deposited in landfills which gradually becomes more common. When water reservoirs can no longer hold water discharge, the water then overflows out the land and cause flooding.

ANOTHER EXAMPLE

- How is Food Digested?
- The food we eat is broken down and used by our bodies. This breaking down of food is called digestion.
- You may have heard your stomach gurgling after you have eaten . the stomach, teeth, tongue and intestines all help to digest food.
- when you chew your food, digestion begins. the food is pushed by the tongue to the trapdoor at the back of the throat called the oesophagus. it then moves to the stomach. where digestive juice make it smaller. in the small intestine. the goodness is 'soaked up'. Finally water is taken out in the large intestine.
- The goodness that is left can now be carried around the body by the blood to be used for energy, repair and growth.

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