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LESSON 18
Expository Essay

Prewrite



Review

An **expository essay** explains how to do something.

It has three important parts:



Beginning

It names the **topic** and tells the reader what **supplies** are needed.



Middle

It explains **how to do** the activity.



Ending

It tells **why** the activity is **fun**.

What makes a good expository essay:



It should give a clear idea about the **how-to topic**.



It should put the **steps in the right order**.



The writer should sound **interested and confident**.



It should have no mistakes on **capitalization, punctuation, and spelling**.

Today we'll learn...

The Writing Process of an Expository Essay

Prewrite



Let's Learn

These are the two steps for prewriting.



1 Choose a Topic

Topic 1

Topic 2

Topic 3

Topic 4

2 Gather Details

Draw

1

2

3

4

5

6



Let's Learn

Alice wants to write an expository essay. How did she **choose a topic**?

wash my dog

grow a flower

play soccer

draw

ride bikes

Make a list of activities you know well how to do, then choose one you want to write about.



Let's Learn

She then **gathers details** about her topic.



1



2

3

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First,

Draw pictures and
number the steps.



Let's Think

pot



1



2



3



4



5



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I finished drawing my pictures. Can you help me add words?

flower

dirt

water

sprout

sun

seed



Let's Learn

pot



1

dirt



2

seeds



3

sun



water

4

sprout



5

flower



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Second,
We add keywords
for each step.



Let's Do

Guess the topic and then number the steps.

The topic is about...

clean shoes

cook seafood

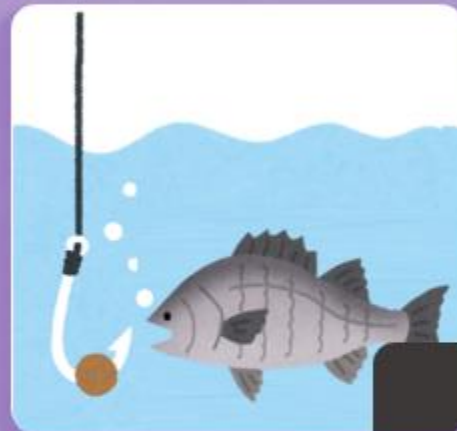
make a playhouse

catch a fish

draw a rose

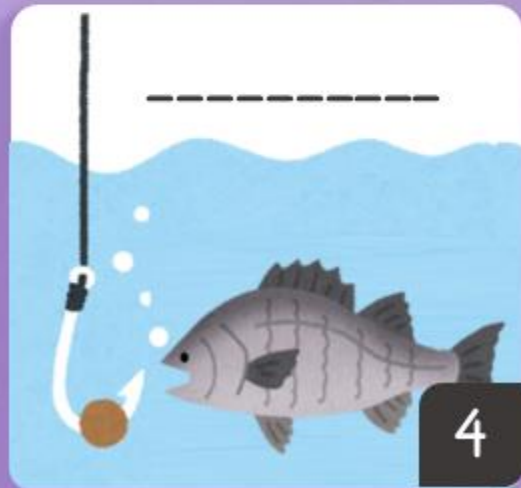
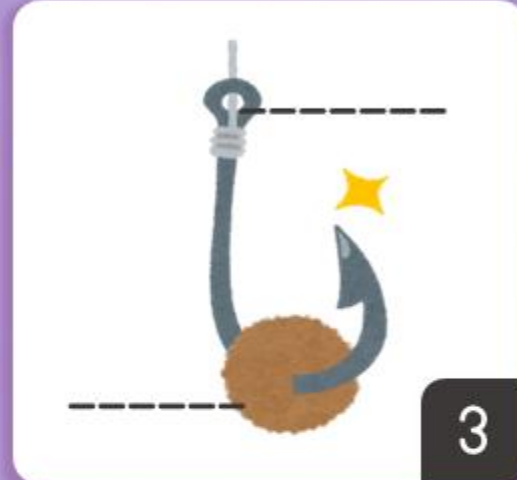
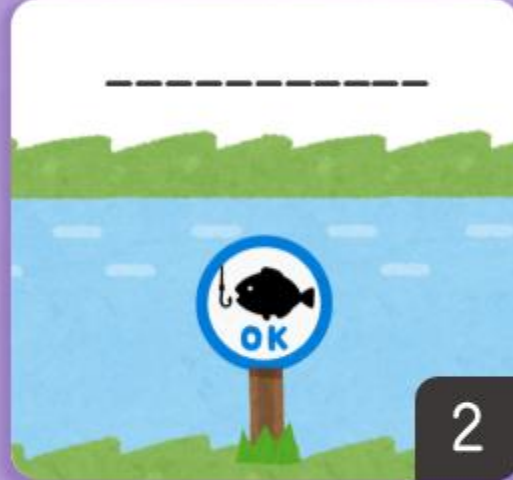
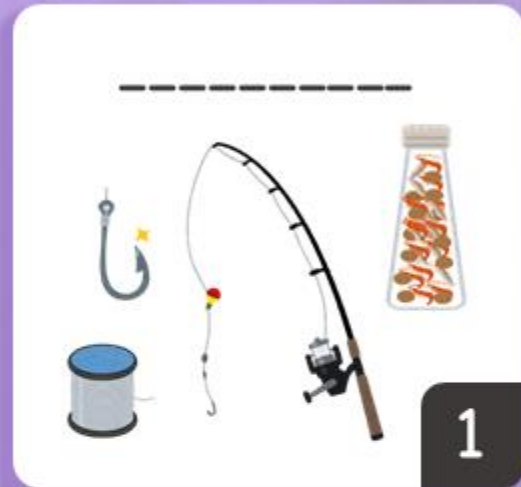


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Let's Do

Complete the labels.



Hints:

bucket

fishing spot

hook & bait

throw line

equipment

pull

Let's Do

Check the final order chart.

equipment



1

fishing spot



2

hook

bait



3

throw line



4

pull



5

bucket



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Prewrite

Write

Revise

Edit

Publish

1 Choose a Topic

wash my dog

grow a flower

play soccer

draw

ride bikes

Make a list of activities you know well how to do and **choose one** you want to write about.

2 Gather Details

Draw pictures of the steps, **number** them and **add keywords**.

pot



1

dirt



2

seeds



3

sun



water

4

sprout



5

flower



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