



Somerset Bridge Primary School
Aspire - Brave - Care - Collaborate

English: Explanation

Autumn: Year 5


Why are Witches Extinct?

Toolkit	✓
• A title – usually written as a question.	
• An introduction.	
• Detailed information about the subject.	
• Technical language.	
• Causal conjunctions.	
• Subheadings to separate sections of the text.	
• Written in the passive voice.	
• Diagrams / illustrations with captions.	
• A summary to end your explanation.	

Word Bank

exist	develop	explain	effect
recognise	individual	occur	necessary
evidence	present	believe	research
apparent	relevant	create	sufficient

Types of Explanation Texts

Information books Leaflets Guides Manuals	
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Key Vocabulary		✓
Present tense verbs	listen, act, help, move, try, support, talk, bring	
Technical Language	Language related to the specific topic.	
Causal conjunctions	because, now that, yet, since, so, as, therefore	
Subheadings	Small headings which help group similar ideas together.	
Formal language	Used for serious purposes. Correct grammar and English should always be used.	
Modal verbs	should, could, would, will, may, might, must	
Summary	Final paragraph which gives an overview of the whole text.	
Purpose		
To give information – how or why something happens		