

Explanation Text Features Key

Text Title: _____

Here are the features of an explanation text. Use your coloured pens, pencils or highlighters to identify parts of your text which show each feature. For example, you could colour the 'time conjunctions' box in red, then use the same colour to underline all the time conjunctions in your text.

	Title shows what the text is about. Often uses "How..." or "Why..."		Technical vocabulary specific to the topic.
	Opening paragraph introduces the process.		Diagrams/illustrations with labels.
	Chronological order with time conjunctions .		Cause and effect conjunctions explain how one event leads to the next.
	Stages of the process clearly broken down.		Final paragraph (conclusion) links back to the opening.
	Present tense (unless it's a historical explanation).		Passive voice is often used. (e.g. something is done)
	Impersonal tone .		