

Expository Paragraphs

EXPLAIN, SHOW, INFORM, or PROVE



Need a title



Have a topic sentence



Use transitions



Explain and give examples



Have a conclusion

Example

Dolphins

The dolphin may look like a fish, but this friendly sea creature is really a mammal. First of all, dolphins have lungs just like we do. They must come to the surface of the water to breathe and get oxygen from the air. Fish can take oxygen from the water. Like other mammals, dolphins also have backbones and are warm-blooded. Finally, they nurse young dolphins on milk, just like a cow might nurse a calf. The dolphin's streamlined body and its big, strong tail resemble a fish, but don't be fooled; it is definitely a mammal.

