

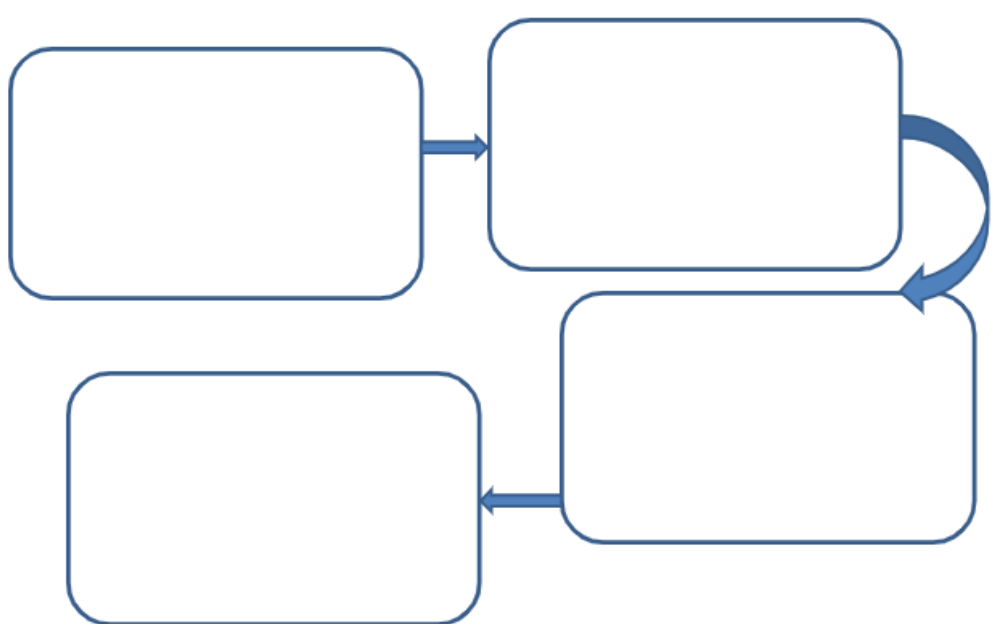
LO: I can produce a flowchart that explains how my machine works.

Features of an explanation text

- Explanations answer the questions 'how' – How does a pump work? Or 'why' – Why do somethings float and others sink?
- They have a clear title
- Ideas are grouped in paragraphs
- The first paragraph introduces the subject and is a general overview
- They use cause and effect conjunctions (we looked at these last week)
- They often use time conjunctions (first, then, following, finally)
- They are written in the present tense (are, turns, happens)
- They use action verbs (falls, rises, changes)
- They may have subheadings and a glossary
- The use specialised vocabulary that is specific to the topic and may be explained in the glossary

Creating a flow diagram

- A flow diagram explains how something happens by splitting it into steps. Can you complete this flowchart to explain how your machine works?



There is an example on the next page. If you need more boxes you can extend the flowchart.

There is a large version of the flowchart in the resources.

First, I put the bread in the toaster.

Following that, I turned the toaster on.

Once the toast popped, I took it out of the toaster.

Finally, I spread butter on the toast using a knife.

Word Bank

Therefore, Consequently, Because,
As a result of this, Following, So, If