Expository text is a type of informational text that provides factual information about a topic using a clear, non-narrative organizational structure with a major topic and supporting information.

- Expository texts can include topics such as historical, scientific or economic information.

- Information is presented with a clear organizational text structure which includes but is not limited to: description, chronology, comparison, cause/effect, problem/solution.

- The language in expository text is precise, specific to the subject, and includes domain specific vocabulary to explain concepts and information.

- Expository text often includes organizational tools such as table of contents, headings, index, glossary, pronunciation guide, appendices.

- Includes text features that support or enhance the text such as photographs, illustrations, captions, charts, diagrams, tables, graphs, and timelines.

- Examples of expository text may include: trade books, articles, reports, textbooks, interviews, and essays.
What are the characteristics of expository text?

**Purpose**
Expository text is written to provide information about a topic, including a historical or scientific topic.

**Language**
Precise, focused on the subject, uses domain specific vocabulary, rather than figurative language.

**Format**
Expository text is often written in paragraphs. Examples of expository text may include: trade books, articles, reports, textbooks, interviews, and essays.

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