

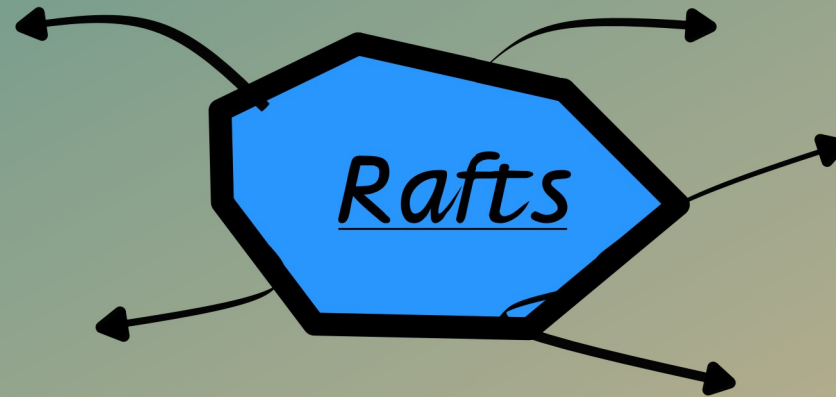
*Monday*

*LO: To write an introduction for an  
explanation text.*

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*Today we are going to continue to build our explanation text on rafts.*

*Our main activity today is to write our introduction. But first I would like you to mind map in your books everything you know about rafts and everything you would like to find out. Write the word raft in the middle of your page and draw a bubble around it. When you add a fact or a question draw a line to it.*



Now I'm certian you were able to think of some wonderful facts about rafts and although we will be using some of them in our explanation text why is it important we dont use them all in our introduction?

*Why is it important we don't use them all in our introduction?*

*Because we don't want our introduction to be too big and tell us too much.*

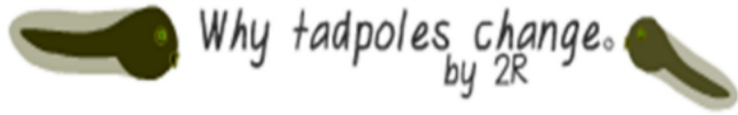
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# *What should we be looking for in our introduction?*

- *Short no more than one paragraph*
- *Concise (only tells us what we need to know)*
- *Introduces technical vocabulary*

# Lets check out a few examples



## Why tadpoles change. by 2R

Frogs are amphibians. Amphibians spend part of their lives under water. Young frogs start their life in water as tadpoles.

## How Kites Fly

A kite is an object made from a light material stretched over a frame. When a kite is tilted into the wind it will lift off the ground and fly.



## How to become a knight

A knight is a fighting man with special privileges. To become a knight a boy usually had to be of noble birth. Boys were selected for knighthood at an early age. They were then sent to a castle to be trained.



Notice how all of these introduction tell us about the subject, introduce technical vocabulary and do so in a consice way with out all the extra waffle

*Before we get started we are going to need to create a title.*

*Now our explanation text is going to detail the basic uses of rafts and how we can make one.*

*Can you think of a good title?*

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*How do you build a raft?*

*Raft building and their uses*

*Building rafts for begginers*

*Choose one of these or use your own and write it down in your book under your L.O*



*Now that we have our title we can begin to write our introduction. Firstly we will need to explain what a raft is and what its used for.*

*Remember we need to be consise and stick to the facts.*

Lets write together. Have a look at our sentence below although it is only short it tells us what a raft is and what it has been used for. Lets copy it into our books.

A raft is vehicle used to carry things across water.

What a great start. Now we have covered the basics we can start to flesh out our introduction with some more interesting facts. The two facts we will use are

- *have been used by people for thousands of years*
  - *Traditionally made of wood and rope*

Your job now is to convert the above bullet points into full sentences to begin to create an entire introductory paragraph. Remember don't leave a line between each sentence!

A raft is vehicle used to carry things across water. Rafts have been used by people for .....



Now lets use a *time conjunction* to add in some facts about modern day rafting to complete our introduction. The two facts we will use are

- *Many rafts are made from morden materials such as plastic and metal.*
- *Rafting has even been made into an olympic sport.*

Your job now is to convert the above bullet points into full sentences use them to finish off your introcuctory paragraph. Remember don't leave a line between each sentence!

A raft is vehicle used to carry things across water. Rafts have been used by people for thousands of year and at first were made of wood and rope. *In recent times .....* . *Not so long ago in 1992 .....*



Hopefully by now you have a wonderful introduction paragraph, here is a finished example

A raft is vehicle used to carry things across water. Rafts have been used by people for thousands of years and at first were made of wood and rope. In recent times more and more rafts are made from more modern materials including plastic, rubber and metal .Not so long ago in 1992 river rafting was even made into an olympic sport.

Spend 10 minutes doing through your own introduction checking your spelling and punctuation using your kung-fu.