

Write an Expository Paragraph

Follow the instructions below to complete the activity.

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Use online resources and your local library to research examples of threats facing coral reefs today. Then, write an expository paragraph in the space below. Describe the steps you think people could take to help counter threats to coral reefs. You can use the second page of this activity to record your research.

An expository paragraph is a group of sentences that provide information on a topic, give directions, or explain an event. An expository paragraph has three parts. The first part is the topic sentence. It tells readers what the paragraph will be about and catches their attention. Supporting sentences generally follow the topic sentence. They provide details explaining or supporting the topic sentence. At the end of an expository paragraph, a sentence wraps up, or summarizes, the ideas expressed in the paragraph. This is called the concluding sentence. It is usually a strong statement.

Topic Sentence:

Supporting Sentences:

Concluding Sentence:

