

English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EALD)



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Dear Parents/ Caregivers

This term, the EALD team are supporting students and classroom teachers with Information Report writing, Explanation writing, Poetry, reading, spelling, grammar and phonics.

Information Reports

Information reports give the reader facts and true information about a topic.

Title:

Explains what the topic is.

Classification:

Introduces the topic. What is it?

Description:

Uses headings to sort different facts.

Photos or Diagrams:

Show what the topic looks like.

Conclusion:

A final statement or interesting fact.

Tasmanian Devils

The Tasmanian devil is a marsupial. Female marsupials have pouches to carry their young.

Habitat
Tasmanian Devils only live in Hobart, Tasmania.

Appearance
Tasmanian Devils are mostly black with white on their front. They have strong jaws and sharp claws.

Diet
Tasmanian Devils are carnivores and eat meat.

Interesting Fact
Tasmanian Devils got their name because of the strange sounds they make to scare off other animals and avoid fights.

Sharp Teeth

Powerful Jaw

Sharp Claws

Writing an Explanation

Explanations tell how or why.

E.g. charts, diagrams, explanations

- Title to show what you will explain.
- Begin with **STATEMENT OF THE TOPIC** to be explained.
- Simple **PRESENT TENSE**.
- Use of **THIRD PERSON** (he, she, it, they)
- **Impersonal, factual**, plain writing to ensure the explanation is clear and concise.
- Mostly use of **ACTIVE VOICE**.
- **CONNECTIVES** to show time e.g. then, next, several weeks later, and causal connectives, e.g. because, so.
- Use of **technical vocabulary**.
- Original statement of topic is summed up at the end.

How Does Popcorn Work?

Popcorn is fascinating and we have all wondered at some time how popcorn actually works.

When a popcorn kernel is heated up, the moisture inside the kernel expands. This then causes pressure to build inside the hard shell and when the pressure is high enough, the kernel explodes. The starch inside the shell then expands and forms the soft, white substance we love to eat.

Corn kernels rely heavily on heating and moisture to make popcorn.



Tania is working with the EALD students in:

- Reception- E21
- Year 2- E41, DC2
- Year 3- W51, W52
- Year 5-W21
- Year 6-W41



Michelle is working with the EALD students in:

- Year 1 - E32
- Year 2 - E43
- Year 3 - W53
- Year 4 - W22
- Year 4/5 - W12
- Year 5 - W11
- Year 6 - W32, W42



Marg is working with the EALD students in:

- Reception - E23
- Year 1 - E32, E33, E34



Daljit is working with the EALD students in:

- Reception - E24
- Year 1/2 - DC1
- Year 3 - W54
- Year 4 - W13
- Year 5 - W31



Our Bilingual Support Services officer, Farzan, supports students who speak Dari, Hazaragi and Pashto.

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