

KS1 English homework: **write** in your red homework book

Checklist for writing an explanation text- How to make a scrap paper collage - London Landmark

Purpose

- To explain what something, how it works or how to do something

Structure

- Title
- Introduction- a general statement to introduce the topic
- Paragraphs- a series of logical steps explaining how or why something happens
- Diagrams or charts (if appropriate)
- Conclusion- relate topic to reader

Language features

- Written in present tense (mostly)
- Third person
- Impersonal language- formal/passive
- Technical vocabulary
- Time connectives (e.g. then, next, after...)
- Causal connectives (e.g. for example, because, so...)

Tips

- Use a title that shows what you are writing about
- Begin the title with How or Why...
- Decide whether to include a diagram or illustration to help explain
- Add extra interesting information
- Catch the reader's attention with an exclamation or mystery (strange as it may seem...)
- Re-read your explanation regularly to make sure it is clear