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| **Lesson Title:** Expository Writing – Giving Directions | | **Theme:** Writing | |
| **Practice Activity:** PHL-09-120 | | **Class:** JSS 3 | |
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| **Learning Outcome**  By the end of the lesson, you will be able to explain how to prepare a dish or play a game to somebody who does not know how to do it. | | | |

**Overview**

An **expository essay** explains something to a reader. It has the following characteristics:

* Tells how something is done
* Tells why something is done
* Enlightens the reader on a particular subject
* Gives information or direction
* Gives an explanation of an idea or issue
* Gives a description of the processes involved in making an item, such as preparing a dish, playing a game or making a product like soap or a basket

An expository essay uses the following features:

* An expository essay starts with a title.
* It is written in paragraphs.
* It has an introduction.
* The body of the essay is well-structured. It is a step-by-step description of a process or an issue, etc.
* It uses the simple present tense.

Here is an example of an expository essay:

How to Prepare My Favourite Food

The name of my favourite food is wan pot. Wan pot is a delicious dish. It is easy to prepare and serves many people.

The ingredients used to prepare wan pot are: some rice, some cooking oil, nut oil or palm oil, onions, pepper, fresh tomatoes (or any other vegetable), tinned tomatoes, salt, ‘Maggi’ or seasoning, and some fish, chicken or other meat.

To prepare the ingredients: Wash and chop (cut) the vegetables. Wash and cut the meat or fish or chicken into pieces and add salt or seasoning to them. Wash the rice.

To prepare the dish, put a clean pot on the fire and pour in some oil. Add the chopped vegetables and leave them to cook for a while. Add the fish, meat or chicken, some tinned tomatoes and some salt, ‘Maggi’ or seasoning. If using meat, boil it first until it is soft enough before you add it to the vegetables. Add some water, enough to cook the rice, and leave it to boil. Pour in the rice and stir with a cooking spoon. Cover the pot and leave to boil until the rice is soft and the water dries up.

Now it is ready to be served.

**Practice**

**Activity 1**

Use the following outline to plan your expository essay. In your essay you will explain how to play a game.

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| Title  Introduction: What will you be explaining? Why did you choose this subject?  Body: A step-by-step description of the process. Use the simple present tense while writing.  Step 1:  Step 2:  Step 3:  (more if needed)  Conclusion: Sums up what you explained. |

**Activity 2**

Use the outline you completed in Activity 1 to help you write your expository essay explaining how to play a game. Remember to organise your writing into a clear introduction, body and conclusion. Your essay should be about 200 words.

After you have finished writing, check your composition to make sure that you included the following:

* an introduction that introduces the game
* a body that explains the different steps of how to play the game
* a conclusion that sums up what you have explained
* well-organised paragraphs
* no spelling or grammar errors

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**Activity 1**

Example outline:

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| How to Play My Favourite Sport  Introduction: I will explain how to play football. I love football. It is my favourite sport. I play it every day.  Body:  Step 1: There are two teams, two nets and one ball.  Step 2: There are 10 players and one goalie on each team. The goalie tries to prevent the other team’s ball from going in the net.  Step 3: The goal is to work with your teammates and have fun.  Step 4: The most goals scored wins!  Conclusion: This is a simple way of how to play my favourite sport, football! |

**Activity 2**

Example essay:

How to Play My Favourite Sport

I will explain how to play football. I love football, it is my favourite sport. I play it almost every day with my friends after school.

There are some different ways to play football. There are different size fields and different lengths for games. I will explain the basics. First, there are two teams. There are two nets at opposite ends of the field. Both teams play with one ball.

There are ten players and one goalie on each team. The goalie tries to prevent the other team’s ball from going in the net. If the ball goes in the net, that is a point for the other team.

The main goal is to work with your teammates to pass the ball down the field, trying to keep the other team from getting the ball. The team with the most goals scored wins the game.

This is a simple way to play my favourite sport, football. Give it a try, it is so much fun!