



CLASS IX
ADDITIONAL ENGLISH COMPOSITION
SECTION B – WRITING SKILLS
CHAPTER 4 - EXPOSITORY

NOTES

In prose writing, we have a category called *Expository* other than the usually known three categories viz., descriptive, narrative and reflective. In expository, the focus is on **explaining and its purpose is to inform the reader**. The act of expounding (present and explain in detail/setting forth (state in detail/explain/ interpret) or explaining is what is known as exposition. It aims at the exposition of a **point of view/idea/theory/statement**. This type of writing is primarily to convey information or to explain. It is explanatory in nature. Common examples include newspaper articles, the beginning of a story where the characters and setting are introduced so as to help the reader to understand the background before the characters are actually presented.

In this type of writing, the writer often **combines features of description and narration while explaining**. The writer aims at explaining facts, ideas or beliefs. Use of various techniques is being trained in this type of advanced writing so as to enable the language learners for proper written communication.

VARIOUS TECHNIQUES USED IN EXPOSITORY WRITING

1. **Definition**
2. **Explanation of processes**
3. **Reasons in support of statement**
4. **Classification**
5. **Illustrations/examples**
6. **Comparison and contrast**
7. **Analogy**
8. **Cause and effect, etc.**
