DEFINITION OF EXPOSITORY WRITING

EXPOSITORY WRITING is defined as presenting reasons, explanations, or steps in a process. Logical order should be used with appropriate sequencing of ideas or steps in a process. Effective expository writing should contain a main idea, supporting details, and a conclusion.

EXPOSITORY PROMPT

Most of us have had to do a job that was difficult. Think about a job or chore that you disliked especially. Write an essay explaining why you did not like it. Be sure to give specific examples and/or reasons why you disliked this chore or job.
EXPOSITORY MODE

1. Paper #9905127

This brief Level I response shows little understanding of the writing task. The writer identifies a chore (cleaning up the kitchen) and gives general reasons for disliking it. However, the writer’s difficulty with mechanics, sentence formation, and usage (you will have to wash bowls after they get through make a mess you will have to soak them) severely interrupts the flow of communication and interferes with the clarity of the details. The response needs more development, better syntax and organization, and more clarity for a higher score.

2. Paper #9965874

There is little understanding of the expository writing task in this very brief response. Although the writer states a disliked chore (taking out the trash), the support consists of vague details (don’t like the way it smells, looks, or anything about it). This limited amount of topic development also displays no evidence of an organizational plan. The response needs more development and some indication of an organizational strategy for a higher score.

3. Paper #9956848

This brief response shows little understanding of the writing task. The writer identifies a job (concrete and block work) and gives only general details for disliking it, which shows little topic development. In addition, there is little evidence of an organizational strategy, as the listed details weakly connect, moving from “back-breaking physical labor” to “keep your business as small as possible” to “which way to dig footers.” The response needs more development, better organization, and more clarity for a higher score.

4. Paper #9937302

Many obvious errors in mechanics, sentence formation, and usage impede communication in this brief essay. The writer identifies a disliked chore (taking out the trash) and supports it with general details. However, the writer’s difficulty with mechanics and sentence formation severely interrupts the flow of communication (to the trash can to the road; for the trash can men to tomp the can). The response needs more development, fewer errors in mechanics, and more clarity for a higher score.
I dislike clean up the kitchen and the reason I hate clean up the kitchen because it be food all in the sink you will have to wash bowls after they get through make a mess you will have to search them. That is why I hate wash dish.
I don't like taking out the trash. I don't like the way it smells, looks, or anything about it especially when I have to take it out.
What I dislike about covering and selling cases is the hectic nature of physical labor.

Having to work long hours to make a little money seems to keep your business as small as possible, having to figure out which way to ship the products and how else

They need to be more, I mean either you need to put in the factories or

Selling seems to be all that easy now?
Take out the trash. It is hard to do. To bag the trash bag, it is getting in the can. To the trash can to the road. For the trash can men to empty the can, then you need to put it at the hose. Then you will be done.
EXPOSITORY MODE  

1. Paper #9967177

There is evidence of an organization plan in this minimally developed Level II response. The writer clearly states a main idea (it was a very dirty, time-consuming job) and presents a logical sequence of steps in the bathing process that clearly support the writer’s point that “I disliked the whole process of bathing my dogs because it was a dirty chore.” The response demonstrates an effective use of transitional phrases which strengthen both the organization and the clarity (the part I disliked, once I got them inside, after I rinsed, if I did not). However, the writer does not pause to sufficiently develop any of the steps in detail. To achieve a higher score, the response needs more topic development.

2. Paper #9961460

In this Level II response, the writer demonstrates some evidence of an organizational plan by previewing in the introduction why “cutting grass” is a disliked chore (takes too much time, too hot outside, might just start raining). The writer’s repetition of the “time” idea in the fourth paragraph interrupts the logical progression and grouping of ideas. Although the writer attempts to explain the previewed reasons, the repetition hampers topic development, the flow and clarity of communication, and indicates weak author control. Overall the response shows only some understanding of the expository writing task.

3. Paper #9956916

This minimally developed response displays some understanding of the writing task. The writer presents a disliked activity (washing dishes) and provides some extended detail using basic-functional vocabulary (it just makes me sick to go in my kitchen and have to wash other peoples’ messy dishes). Multiple errors in spelling, sentence structure and usage interrupt the flow and clarity of communication (I just plan dont like it especally when their really dirty and messey). Although there is some evidence of an organization plan, the details get lost in the constant repetition of personal disdain (I just hate, I do not like). This response needs fewer language errors, better organization, and more topic development for a higher score.

4. Paper #9956928

The writer initially states in the introduction (I’m sure we all have a job we hate to do, but mine has to be the worst), and then provides a logical progression of ideas that lead to the conclusion “yard work...needs to only be done at your home, not as a job.” There is evidence of an organizational plan as the writer does group related information about why yard work is the worst job (hot, boring, not much money). However, the writer pauses only long enough to minimally develop these ideas. With author involvement and awareness of audience demonstrated, the response simply needs more development for a higher score.
One chore that I really disliked was bathing my dogs. It was a very dirty, time-consuming job. I did not enjoy any part of it. The part I disliked the most was bathing the dogs. They hated baths so they would run all over the place and trip me. By the time I caught them, I would be covered in dirt and sweat. It felt really disgusting. Once I got them inside, I would put them in the sink. To get all the dirt and loose hairs out of them, I would scrub them. They would shake a lot and I would end up covered with soapy water and dog hair. The soap would irritate my skin so by the time I rinsed the dogs, all my arms would be itching really bad. After I rinsed the dogs, I would have to wrap them in towels and rub them until they were dry. If I did not get them completely dry, I would have to bathe them all over again. I disliked the whole process of bathing my dogs because it was a dirty chore.
The chore I do not like to do is cutting grass. Cutting grass takes too much time. Sometimes it will be too hot outside to cut grass or it might just start raining on you.

Most of the time it will be too hot and you will not go outside because you will be thinking about overheating. Sometimes you will think about how big the yard is and how much time you will be taken up. Often you will be like why am I doing this for? Cutting grass takes a lot of time to do it.

Next, if it starts raining on you will be upset to finish the yard. Then if it starts raining the ground will be soft. If the ground gets soft the mower will sink into the ground.

Then, it takes too much time especially if someone have a big yard. While someone is cutting grass you will think of all of the time it take them to do it. Time is a big factor in cutting grass it can take hours of doing.

Finally, cutting grass is a big responsibility. It takes too much time. Sometimes time it can be too hot outside. Just think about having to cut grass in the rain.
There is one chore I disliked a lot and I still don't like it and that is washing dishes. I just plan don't like it especially when they're really dirty and messy. It just makes me sick to go in my kitchen and have to wash other people's messy dishes. I don't see how people at restaurants always wash nasty dishes. I especially hate washing dish when there piled up almost to the ceiling. I do so many other chores that I like. But washing dishes is one chore I do not like. I just hate cleaning up some body's mess. I think that people should wash their own dishes. One thing by far this is the nastiest job I have ever done. People make such a mess while their eating.
When they get done eating it looks like a tornado went. They threw their plates. I hate washing those nasty plates. Their sickness, that's why I hate doing dishes.
"Only Try This At Home"
by:

I'm sure we all have a job we hate to do, but mine has to be the worst and I will tell why.

The first reason yard-work is the worst job ever is that it is so hot and dry out and the heat is so draining.

Second, it is so boring. All you hear is the sound of lawn mowers and weed eaters. It is just so repetitive and not fun at all.

Last, there is not much money at all in doing yard-work. The price for being in the hot sun all day, sweating, and slaving did not equal out for what I was getting paid.

If this is one job I do not recommend to anyone; it is yard-work. It needs to only be done at your home, not as a job.
EXPOSITORY MODE

Level III — Meets standard

1. Paper #9917643

This response presents a good understanding of the writing task. The writer identifies a disliked chore (cleaning the bedroom) and presents three reasons (laziness, better things to do, gets messy again). The writer achieves sufficient development with a mix of general and specific supporting details. An effective use of rhetorical questions demonstrates a sense of author involvement, particularly in the “purpose of making the bed” section. In addition, the writer uses transitions between and within paragraphs that help the flow of ideas (first, another, for instance, last, as you can see). Errors in mechanics and usage are present, but do not halt the flow of communication (I oblige cleaning, more sufficient than crammed inside).

2. Paper #9917745

The writer of this controlled response introduces the main idea (sweeping is a challenging chore) and gives a specific preview of the three reasons (get sore, never get all the dust, dirty broom). The traditional organizational plan is clear with good flow through each previewed reason. Although the development of each reason is uneven, there is a sufficient mix of general and specific details (muscles in my back get sore and my arms tense up, which makes it harder for me; annoys me to the point that I have to get a paper towel and pick up the few crumbs). The writer provides a nice touch of completeness in the assertion: “Sweeping requires some sort of technique that others have mastered, but what I have not yet mastered.” This response displays a good understanding of the writing task but needs more thorough development for a higher score.

3. Paper #9917676

This Level III response presents one controlling idea (cleaning the whole house) and provides three reasons to support why it is a disliked chore. Each reason reaches sufficient development with a mixture of general and specific details (going over the dressers and the television stand… small spots that are hard to reach, but have a lot dust; I have to separate them by color, so the clothes will not get messed up). Ideas flow logically with good transitional language (when, then, after, finally, while, so). Although author control is evident in the syntactic variety and satisfactory organization, there are some awkward and repetitive sentence formations and a weak conclusion. Overall, however, this successfully organized and sufficiently developed response demonstrates a good understanding of the writing task.
4. Paper #9904496

A strong sense of author involvement and control contributes to the overall effectiveness of this higher Level III response. Using one controlling idea (dogs resisting baths), the writer provides relevant personal experience, describing both the difficulties in washing these dogs and the dogs’ various attempts to avoid the bath. The writer also enhances elaboration by effectively using parenthetical asides (mother getting mad, walls getting wet) that give the essay an engaging and conversational tone. This well-organized, sufficiently developed response demonstrates a good understanding of the expository task. It needs more development to achieve a higher score.
There are many jobs around my house that I dislike having to do, but there is one chore I utterly dislike amongst all. That is cleaning my bedroom. My mother makes me clean up my monstrous room about every week and that day is always the worst day in the week. I really dislike having to clean my room and I realize there are great reasons why.

First and for the most part, I’m lazy. Laziness, I realize has a lot to do with my procrastination on picking my room up. If I’d pick it up each and everyday a little bit, it probably wouldn’t be such a disaster when I begin at the end of each week. I just do not see the point in spending so much time on my bedroom, when I could be resting from my exhausting week at school and all of the extracurricular activities that I also have on top of school.

Another reason I dislike cleaning my room is there are better and more productive things I could be doing with my time; besides being wiped up in my small house. For instance instead of vacuuming my bedroom or dusting my lamp shade, I could be outside stretching my limbs while playing with the dog. To me this would be more sufficient than being crammed inside a stuffy house all day.
Lastly, for the biggest reason I highly dislike cleaning my room, is basically what’s the purpose? If there is a purpose I do not see it. The entire reason I don’t like cleaning up my room is because that I don’t understand the point in cleaning my room up, when it’s just going to become a jungle again in an hour.
When I clean my room I always have to make my bed, I don’t see the purpose of making my bed if I’m just going to climb right back in it. Would someone please explain it to me?

As you can see I have three excellent reasons why I dislike cleaning up my room. Laziness, if you looked in the dictionary would define me, having more productive things to do, and lastly the purpose of cleaning my room; that I will never understand fully. These three reasons are simply the reason I oblige having to clean my "jungle" of a room.
Most of the time I have to do chores that I would rather not do. However, to earn an allowance, I have to do these household tasks. There are many chores that I highly dislike doing, one in particular is sweeping, a task that one might think is fairly simple. Yet, to me it is a very difficult and challenging one. It makes my arms and back sore, every last crumb is not swept up, and dirt and dust get stuck in the broom.

Sweeping can be very relaxing to some. But for me it is dreadful. With sweeping, it requires back bending and movement of the arms. A requirement that is hard for me to achieve. The muscles in my back get sore and my arms tense up, which makes it harder for me to even finish sweeping.

Another reason that I highly dislike sweeping the floor is the fact that I can never get all the dirt and dust off the floor. For example, if there are crumbs on the floor, I can never get every last crumb swept off the floor. It annoys me to the point that I have to get a paper towel and pick up the few crumbs and then throw it in the trash; I feel like the floor is unswept.
to be spotless without any crumbs or
dust of any kind on it and I try my
best to keep it clean.

Dirt and dust can also get stuck in
the broom. This another reason
why I dislike sweeping. The dirt and
dust from the broom can somehow
travel to the floor and make the
task seem challenging. So, I have to
pick out the dust and dirt from
the broom and dispose of it in the
dust pan, which seems like extra
work.

Sweeping requires some sort of
technique that others have mastered,
but what I have not yet mastered.
One day I will learn to enjoy doing
this chore and ignore the sore back
and arms, the few crumbs left on the
floor, and the dust stuck in the broom.
Sweeping is a chore that one cannot
ignore because sweeping is sanitary.
But, for now, I will leave the sweeping
to my mother and father and face
that obstacle later on.
There are many different jobs or chores people do not like doing at all. Many dislike cutting the grass or cleaning the house. A lot of people also dislike going to their job. The chore I dislike the most is cleaning the whole house up.

When cleaning the house there is plenty of different things to do. One of the things is dusting, going over everything that is wood and making sure to not miss a spot. Going over the dressers and the television stand so when people come in they will not see any dust. Then, also getting the small spots that are hard to reach, but have a lot of dust in them.

Another reason why I dislike cleaning is, I have to run around the house picking up all the dirty clothes. Then after I pick them up I have to separate them by the color so the clothes will not get messed up. Having to wash them then later fold them up or hang them up after they dry. Hoping that I did not misplace a sock or forget about a shirt.

Finally, there’s vacuuming and mopping the whole house. Going over and over the carpet to make sure to not miss any spot trying to do the best I can, so I do not have to do it again. Then I have to
sweep all the hard floor, which tires me out. Making sure to get all the trash off the floor, before I begin to mop. While mopping, I have to make sure to go over every spot, so I do not have to go back over it again after all of my hard work.

After I am done cleaning, it feels great to just relax. Many people may dislike other chores or jobs, but this is why I dislike cleaning the house. It makes me feel like I cannot move anywhere. Finally, relaxing makes me feel so much better after a long day of hard work.
Everybody has those chores that they just hate having to do, and the chores for me is washing my dogs. They just hate to take baths. They will fight with me for about 30 minutes until they get tired and give up. There is just no way around why I hate having to wash them.

First of all, when we get the settled down and finally get them in the bathtub it's like you just throw them in the middle of WWII. Freaking out, barking, crying, and what not. I mean you would think that they would want to smell good to impress the female dogs. It's like they don't even care. It gets worse next, all this on the water, take warm and they swamp all over. I try to keep them down with the little doggie shampoo. So glad they try to do it to the best of my abilities (which is pretty good). To get them in the water, they try their hardest to avoid me. But I just keep on doing it till they all good and clean.

Consequently (this is where men get mad), when they take the out of the bathtub, to attempt to wash them, they try and keep themselves off, and in the process they get soap and the water soaking wet. Which that makes my mom mad (more work for her).

Yeah! I love my babies to death but it really sucks to work them. I mean it takes for ever, you get all suit (along with the water) and your mother gets mad. It's just not worth it.
EXPOSITORY MODE  Level IV — Exceeds standard

1. Paper #9917775

This carefully developed response displays a thorough understanding of the expository process. From a thoughtful introduction about the universality of dissatisfying jobs to an insightful lesson expressed in the conclusion (however, hard we may work in life, and the amount of respect and gratitude we obtain, if we are not happy, it all means nothing), this response demonstrates a strong sense of purpose and audience. There is a smooth flow of ideas and syntactic complexity, which enhances both organization and development. In addition, this writer employs a self-effacing, humorous tone (you may recall messengers in history, such as the famous Paul Revere; however, I was not as famous as I had hoped; this was definitely not a luxurious job by any means; I would arrive dressed for success, and leave sweaty and disoriented). This sustained and engaging tone demonstrates clear evidence of strong author control and involvement.

2. Paper #9917730

This graphic response previews three deceptively simple reasons the writer despises taking out the trash (bag stinks, is heavy, tears easily). The thorough explanation starts immediately (first, every time I take out the trash, I wish I had nose plugs and a can of air freshener). The opening and closing of this Level IV response make an effective and engaging framework for the expository body. Logical order and syntactic complexity enhance the strong organizational strategy. The descriptive elaboration supporting the writer’s position uses vivid, precise word choice (putrid odor is a nauseating combination of expired milk, overripe fruit; every muscle in my body throbs; vile chore; a microscopic rock). The unifying and sophisticated conclusion personifies the bag (enjoys my misery, breaks to mock me) and offers a final opinion (taking out the trash should be made illegal). There is excellent author control with overall completeness in this thoroughly developed response.

3. Paper #9973606

This response successfully addresses the challenges of serving as an inexperienced waiter at a sister’s choir concert. The writer develops this topic thoroughly with clear and specific support, explaining why this experience is formidable (I am very shy, people complained about the food, wanted to watch my sister perform). To punctuate the position that being a waitperson is “one of the most humiliating jobs,” the writer uses internal and external dialogue to further the point. Such effective use of syntactic complexity not only demonstrates a strong sense of author control, but also strengthens the presentation of clear ideas that flow smoothly and logically. Another element of the strong organizational strategy is the satisfying sense of completeness in the thoughtful conclusion (being a waiter can be an emotional and physical challenge).
This Level IV response displays a thorough understanding of the expository purpose. The writer successfully addresses the topic with one clear controlling idea (picking up tree limbs is a fruitless and tedious task). In personifying the trees as mischievous, at times malicious beings (picking the limbs and sticks up off the ground where trees carelessly placed them), the writer takes a creative risk and successfully enhances both the quality of development and sustains an engaging tone of exasperation. This sophisticated approach, describing a never-ending task, achieves thoroughness through vivid, precise word choice and syntactic complexity (while I’m working trees mock me; adventuring across the lawn to reap the rewards of the fruitless labor; like being spat upon by someone who forces me to do labor). Although there is some awkwardness in expression, these clear ideas flow smoothly and logically with coherence. Overall, the one controlling idea and effective use of tone, word choice, and syntactic complexity demonstrate a strong sense of author control.
Many people in this world are not cut out for certain jobs. Take, for example, a construction worker or an office laborer that had very little strength but a vast mind that would run his business. In any business, things never seem to work out like they should, but who are we to complain? You might have had a job or a choice at a younger age that you disliked or even loathed. One such job for me was an assistant manager's "messenger" as I was called.

You may recall messengers in history books, such as the famous Paul Revere; however, I was not as famous as I had hoped. The job consisted mainly of going from building to building in a baseball complex giving news schedule changes, information about games, and so on. "That does not seem as hard as you make it out to be," you might say, but at the age of thirteen, all I had was my two feet. Since I had a bicycle, but with short tires and narrow walkways, it was far too risky to use it. This was not an up-to-date complex, one phone in the entire building contacted everywhere outside of the area, but nowhere inside. The rest I received came during lunch hour, and very short stand-downs with my boss. This was definitely not a luxurious job by any means.

I started in this occupation until I got tired of running day after day. I clearly was not suited to be a messenger, but after all the running, I could be a star athlete! This job was not in my best interest, I could not handle the stress or over-exertion any longer, and I felt myself much happier without it.

Now that I am older, I have come to realize some of the mistakes I have made, some of the paths I shouldn't have taken, and many things that could help me better myself. However, hard work is still very important, and the amount of respect and gratitude we receive is far from what we do not have. It still means something.
Every day I have to perform difficult chores. Although some are not as bad as others, there is one chore I despise. Taking out the trash is the worst. I loathe taking out the trash because the trash bag stinks, the bag is heavy, and the bag tears easily.

First, every time I take out the trash, I wish I had more plugs and a can of air freshener. The trash bag smells worse than rotten eggs. The putrid odor is a nauseating combination of expired milk, overripe fruit, and burnt popcorn. When I take out the trash, my eyes water, my nose burns, and my stomach turns. The smell is so bad it actually makes me lightheaded. I would not wish this dreadful chore on my worst enemy.

Second, the trash bag is incalculably heavy. When I struggle to lift the bag, I think my back will break at any second. The bag seems as if it is filled with one hundred pound weights. After I finally manage to pick up the bag, I still have to carry it down the two-hundred foot long driveway. Carrying the bag makes every muscle in my body throb, and I almost collapse from exhaustion.

Finally, taking out the trash is a vile chore because the bag breaks. The cheap bag tears easier than the tissue paper people use in gift bags. If the bag rubs even a microscopic rock, it will tear, sending trash everywhere. Avoiding rocks and sharp corners unfortunately does little to prevent the bag from ripping. Just the enormous weight of the trash is often too much for the bag to handle. Each time I pick up the bag, I hope the trash will not fall out the bottom of the bag. The bag breaking causes me to scream in frustration.

Taking out the trash is the worst chore I have ever experienced. The incredibly smelly and heavy bag weighs my misery.

It breaks just to mock me. If I could pay someone to
take out the trash for me. I would; however, I highly doubt anyone would find enjoyment from this task. Taking out the trash is so dreadful that I consider it a form of cruel and unusual punishment. In my opinion, taking out the trash should be made illegal.
One of the most humiliating jobs that I have had to perform was being a waiter at one of the school choir programs. It was pleasurable helping others and giving them food. However, being a waiter for one night had more cons than pros. I had to become a waiter one night without even practicing at my sister’s choir concert. The choir would sing and dance, and the beginning choir students would wait on tables for the choir students’ parents and family. I disliked the job of being a waiter because I am very shy and could not speak plainly and loudly enough to the people that I was waiting on. The people complained about the food, and I wanted to watch my sister perform instead.

First, I did not like being a waiter because I am very shy and could not speak plainly and loudly enough. Being shy made it even more difficult to be a waiter. I was afraid that I would say or do the wrong thing. Whenever I had to take people’s orders, they would tell me to speak up and they would say that they could not hear me. This made it even more embarrassing.

Second, I did not like being a waiter because the people complained about the food. No matter how hard I worked to satisfy their hunger, they would continue to complain. “The food is too cold!”, “It doesn’t have enough flavor!” is what they would yell at me. But I remained patient with them and I took it back and gave them another one. What is even worse is that it wasn’t supposed to be as good as a five-star restaurant. People were yelling at me, like drill sergeants from left to right, and that made me nervous. I kept on thinking, “Why aren’t you just watching the choir instead?” Sweat dripped.
off of my head and down my back like rain drops.

Most importantly, I did not like being a waiter because I wanted to watch my sister perform instead. My sister loves choir and she has a lot of talent. I would rather watch her sing and dance and be happy rather than take orders from hateful people. I love my sister and that night was her one night to shine. Although, I barely got to watch her, because I had to run in and out of the room to bring and take back food, I still wanted to watch my best friend have a moment of glory. Being a waiter causes you to get wrapped up into giving and taking food and making your customers happy. However, you do not get the chance to see people as unique human beings and you might catch yourself in completely ignoring them and your surroundings.

In conclusion, I believe that the job of being a waiter has more negative aspects than positive. Being a waiter can be an emotional and physical challenge. Besides being tired from standing on your feet all day/night, you can become emotionally drained. You can be sad, frustrated, and afraid. Although people may say that waiting on tables is an easy thing to do, it is not. You have to be willing to have a strong character and you have to work hard to please your customers. I would not suggest anyone to become a waiter, and especially without ever practicing.
Everyone has a job that he or she dislikes. These tasks vary from person to person because as others may dislike a chore, another may like it. There is one particular task I loathe, and it is picking the limbs and sticks up off the ground where trees have carelessly placed them. When I pick them up, I have to bring them to the brush pile. I dislike this task because I have a large yard with many careless trees that drop many sticks; the long trek to the brush pile is long and tedious, and while I am working the trees mock me by throwing more limbs in the ground.

Firstly, having a big yard with many trees is not a helping factor to the sticks and limbs in the yard problem. It is a hindrance! Adventuring across the lawn to reap the rewards of the fruitless labor of limb gathering is not the sun filled journey one would think. It is hardly tolerable and can drive one as myself completely mad. To lose ones sanity for a intolerable and onerous task is never worth the effort.

Secondly, the brush pile where the limbs and sticks are disposed of is in the back yard. It is a very long walk and carrying sticks to the destination is no help in getting there any faster. After throwing my load upon the brush pile, I have the terrible thought of having to repeat the effort multiple times. This thought only further burdens me as I walk back to get more limbs and sticks.

Thirdly, while I am working the trees throw down more limbs and sticks just to make the job more time consuming and tedious. At this mockery I can only curse and shake my fist; I cannot stop this act. It is like being spit upon by someone who forces me to do labor with the more limbs makes more effort, so I lose most my will to continue.

Anyone can see that this task is fruitless and tedious. No one would agree to do such labor even for the highest
reward, one would flee from the other asking the task of him or her. The task of picking up tree limbs and sticks is the task I loathe.