**Year 8**

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**Explanatory Writing checklist**

Staple that checklist to your writing and tick the elements you have used in your writing – First draft

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| **Features** | **S** |
| A clear title |  |
| Subheadings (optional) |  |
| Third person |  |
| Present tense |  |
| The **first** sentence in each paragraph gives the **key idea** |  |
| Formal impersonal language |  |
| Facts |  |
| Technical words to do with the subject |  |
| Opening sentence about the topic |  |
| Chronological order |  |
| Use conjunctions for each step |  |
| A variety of punctuation marks: dashes, brackets, colons & semi-colons |  |

Homework- Writing

Write a letter to your local newspaper to explain the problem of litter in your local area.

You could include some of the following in your letter:

• Explain how people cause the problem-

where people drop litter and why they do it

• What can be done about it by individuals or groups of people

• Why people should take more care of their environment.

**Feel free to use these words to enhance your understanding and discussions about the impact of littering on the environment.**

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| **Causes of Littering:**   1. Negligence 2. Carelessness 3. Disregard 4. Laziness 5. Ignorance 6. Lack of awareness 7. Unmindfulness 8. Indifference 9. Irresponsibility 10. Convenience | **Places of Littering:**   1. Streets 2. Parks 3. Beaches 4. Public spaces 5. Highways 6. Water bodies 7. Parking lots 8. Sidewalks 9. Playgrounds 10. Public transportation | **Results of Littering:**   1. Pollution 2. Environmental degradation 3. Aesthetic degradation 4. Habitat destruction 5. Health hazards 6. Soil contamination 7. Wildlife endangerment 8. Water pollution 9. Air pollution 10. Increased cleanup costs |

These words and phrases can help you create a logical flow in your explanatory essay, making it easier for your readers to follow and understand your ideas.

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| **Introduction:**   1. Firstly 2. Initially 3. To begin with 4. In the first place 5. Introduction to 6. As an introduction 7. One important aspect is 8. It is essential to note that | **Body Paragraphs - Adding Information:** 9. Additionally   1. Furthermore 2. Moreover 3. In addition to 4. Not only... but also 5. Besides   **Body Paragraphs - Contrasting Ideas:** 18. On the contrary   1. However 2. Nevertheless | 1. Nonetheless 2. Conversely 3. In contrast 4. Although 5. Even though   **Body Paragraphs - Sequencing:**   26. Next   1. Then 2. Afterward   Finally   1. Consequently 2. As a result 3. Therefore 4. Accordingly | **Conclusion:**  36. In conclusion   1. To sum up 2. In summary 3. Overall 4. Consequently 5. Hence 6. As a result 7. Therefore   To conclude |