

# Scaffold for explain

**Explain** – relate cause and effect; make the relationships between things evident.

Topic to be explained:

**Causes and effects**  
Cause  
Elaboration and support:  
  
Effect  
Elaboration and support:

**Relationship**  
Point:  
Elaboration and support:

**Causes and effects**  
Cause  
Elaboration and support:  
  
Effect  
Elaboration and support:

**Relationship**  
Point:  
Elaboration and support:

Why and / or how causes relate to effects.

**Points to note:**  
Statement of topic.  
  
Preview of causes and effects.  
  
Topic sentence at the beginning of each point on causes followed by explanation and examples to illustrate each cause.  
  
Topic sentence at the beginning of each point on effects followed by explanation and examples to illustrate the link to cause.  
  
Use linking words between each point (such as: therefore, thus, as a result, leading to), to illustrate the relationship.  
  
Topic sentence that shows the direct link between cause and effect.  
Examples essential to further show the link.  
  
The why and/or how can be illustrated within the previous paragraphs or separately at the end.