

Nonfiction Writing to Describe and Explain Answer Key

This worksheet reviews determining if a passage is description or explanation.

Next to each passage, students are to write a D if it's mainly description or an E if it's mainly to explain.

1. D Blue, white, and yellow wildflowers dotted the field.
2. D When Vinu entered the kitchen she smelled the lamb and spices cooking.
3. E The first step in counting your money is to divide the pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters into piles.
4. D As Jennifer walked into the yard, the white chickens surrounded her, flapping their wings and squawking loudly.
5. E After you have written a story, make it into a book. Staple the pages together with a cover. Draw a picture on the cover that goes with the story.
6. E Reptiles are cold-blooded animals. This means their bodies can't create their own heat.
7. D Nathan shivered in the freezing rain. He drew his heavy coat more tightly around him and pulled his fuzzy hat down over his ears.