

Intro Road Map

Find introductions that show readers where the writing will go.

7W2.a "Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect."

NAME _____

DATE _____

CLEAR TOPIC AND PREVIEW

This introduction names the topic and tells the reader the main parts or pattern that will follow. It gives the reader a road map for the writing.

Volcanoes can reshape land quickly. This report explains how eruptions begin and describes their effects on nearby communities.

MISSING A CLEAR PREVIEW

This introduction may name a topic, but it does not clearly tell what information or organization will follow. The reader does not get a road map.

The violin has a long history.

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Read each introduction and circle PREVIEWS or UNCLEAR.

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| 1. | Community gardens give neighbors fresh food and shared space. This article explains how gardens are planned, funded, and cared for. | ☐ PREVIEWS | ☐ UNCLEAR |
| 2. | Many animals use camouflage to stay safe. This article compares camouflage in forests and deserts and explains how it helps animals survive. | ☐ PREVIEWS | ☐ UNCLEAR |
| 3. | The first subway opened in London in 1863. | ☐ PREVIEWS | ☐ UNCLEAR |
| 4. | A school newspaper informs students and builds community. This essay defines the roles of reporters, editors, and photographers. | ☐ PREVIEWS | ☐ UNCLEAR |
| 5. | Some storms form over warm ocean water. | ☐ PREVIEWS | ☐ UNCLEAR |
| 6. | Recycling is important in many towns. | ☐ PREVIEWS | ☐ UNCLEAR |
| 7. | Bats use echolocation to find food in the dark. This report describes how the sound system works and compares it with human hearing. | ☐ PREVIEWS | ☐ UNCLEAR |
| 8. | The Silk Road linked places across Asia and Europe. This article traces the goods traded along the route and the ideas that traveled with them. | ☐ PREVIEWS | ☐ UNCLEAR |

2**PROVE IT**

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3**MAKE YOUR OWN**

One of each

PROVE IT: Choose two numbered introductions, one PREVIEWS and one UNCLEAR, and explain how you knew. **MAKE YOUR OWN:** Write one new PREVIEWS introduction and one new UNCLEAR introduction.

PREVIEWS

UNCLEAR

CHALLENGE

Write a two-sentence introduction about a topic you choose. Name the topic and preview two ways you will organize the information, such as definition, comparison, or cause and effect.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Community gardens give neighbors fresh food and shared space. This article explains how gardens are planned, funded, and cared for.	PREVIEWS	Names community gardens and previews three parts of the article.
2	Many animals use camouflage to stay safe. This article compares camouflage in forests and deserts and explains how it helps animals survive.	PREVIEWS	Names camouflage and previews comparison and explanation.
3	The first subway opened in London in 1863.	UNCLEAR	Names a topic but gives no preview of what will follow.
4	A school newspaper informs students and builds community. This essay defines the roles of reporters, editors, and photographers.	PREVIEWS	Names the topic and previews a definition of roles.
5	Some storms form over warm ocean water.	UNCLEAR	States a fact but does not preview the writing.
6	Recycling is important in many towns.	UNCLEAR	Names a broad topic without showing what information will follow.
7	Bats use echolocation to find food in the dark. This report describes how the sound system works and compares it with human hearing.	PREVIEWS	Names echolocation and previews description and comparison.
8	The Silk Road linked places across Asia and Europe. This article traces the goods traded along the route and the ideas that traveled with them.	PREVIEWS	Names the topic and previews two related ideas.

PART 2 • PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 • MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **PREVIEWS:** Bees help flowering plants reproduce. This report explains pollination and describes ways pesticides can affect bee colonies.
- **UNCLEAR:** The Great Barrier Reef is enormous.

Challenge: Electric cars are becoming more common on roads. This article defines how they run and compares their costs with those of gasoline cars.

Items 1, 2, 4, 7, and 8 are PREVIEWS. Items 3, 5, and 6 are UNCLEAR; for Part 2, accept any correct pair with an explanation that identifies the topic and the presence or absence of a preview.