

Map Your Introduction

Sort introductions by whether they show the reader the plan.

8W2.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 _____

PREVIEWS THE PLAN

A clear introduction names a specific topic and tells which main ideas or methods will come next.

Migration changes communities. This article defines migration, compares two reasons people move, and explains effects on neighborhoods.

DOES NOT PREVIEW

An unclear introduction gives only a broad topic or opinion and does not show what the writing will cover.

The history of skateboarding is interesting.

1 SORT 8 items

For Part 1, circle PREVIEWS or UNCLEAR for each introduction; for Part 2, choose one item from each category and explain which words did or did not show the reader what would follow.

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| 1. | Urban gardens can improve neighborhoods. This essay explains how they provide fresh food, build community, and reuse empty spaces. | <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px; display: inline-block;">PREVIEWS</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px; display: inline-block; margin-left: 10px;">UNCLEAR</div> |
| 2. | Many people have opinions about school uniforms. | <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px; display: inline-block;">PREVIEWS</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px; display: inline-block; margin-left: 10px;">UNCLEAR</div> |
| 3. | This report is about the water cycle. | <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px; display: inline-block;">PREVIEWS</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px; display: inline-block; margin-left: 10px;">UNCLEAR</div> |
| 4. | Coral reefs support many ocean animals. The following sections define a reef, describe its threats, and explain how people can protect it. | <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px; display: inline-block;">PREVIEWS</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px; display: inline-block; margin-left: 10px;">UNCLEAR</div> |
| 5. | Electric buses can reduce city pollution. First, this article compares electric and diesel buses, then it examines costs and benefits. | <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px; display: inline-block;">PREVIEWS</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px; display: inline-block; margin-left: 10px;">UNCLEAR</div> |
| 6. | Volcanoes are powerful natural features. | <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px; display: inline-block;">PREVIEWS</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px; display: inline-block; margin-left: 10px;">UNCLEAR</div> |
| 7. | This essay explores why sleep matters for teenagers and describes two habits that can improve sleep. | <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px; display: inline-block;">PREVIEWS</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px; display: inline-block; margin-left: 10px;">UNCLEAR</div> |
| 8. | The next pages explain what a food desert is, compare its effects in rural and urban areas, and suggest possible solutions. | <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px; display: inline-block;">PREVIEWS</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 10px; padding: 2px 10px; display: inline-block; margin-left: 10px;">UNCLEAR</div> |

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

For Part 3, write one new introduction that PREVIEWS the plan and one new introduction that is UNCLEAR because it does not preview the plan.

PREVIEWS

UNCLEAR

CHALLENGE

Write a two-sentence introduction about a topic you know that names the topic and previews at least two ways you will organize or explain it.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Urban gardens can improve neighborhoods. This essay explains how they provide fresh food, build community, and reuse empty spaces.	PREVIEWS	It names the topic and lists three ideas the essay will explain.
2	Many people have opinions about school uniforms.	UNCLEAR	It gives a broad statement but no plan for the writing.
3	This report is about the water cycle.	UNCLEAR	It names a topic but does not preview any main ideas or structure.
4	Coral reefs support many ocean animals. The following sections define a reef, describe its threats, and explain how people can protect it.	PREVIEWS	It clearly previews definition, description, and explanation sections.
5	Electric buses can reduce city pollution. First, this article compares electric and diesel buses, then it examines costs and benefits.	PREVIEWS	It states the topic and previews comparison plus an examination of costs and benefits.
6	Volcanoes are powerful natural features.	UNCLEAR	It gives only a general statement and no preview.
7	This essay explores why sleep matters for teenagers and describes two habits that can improve sleep.	PREVIEWS	It tells the reader the two main parts that will follow.
8	The next pages explain what a food desert is, compare its effects in rural and urban areas, and suggest possible solutions.	PREVIEWS	It identifies the topic and previews definition, comparison, and solutions.

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:** Community theaters bring stories to local audiences. This article defines community theater and examines two ways it serves young people.
- **UNCLEAR:** Public art can be found in many places.

Challenge: Plastic waste harms river ecosystems. This report defines microplastics, traces how they enter rivers, and explains two effects on wildlife.

Items 1, 4, 5, 7, and 8 are PREVIEWS. Items 2, 3, and 6 are UNCLEAR because they do not tell readers what main points or structure will follow.