

Process Analysis

Purpose: To explain how to do something or to explain how something works.

Organization: Chronological (step-by step)
Categorical (headings)

Development: Ingredients, equipment, or tools
Procedures
Explanations
Cause and Effect Relationships
Descriptive details
Definitions
Technical terminology
Transitions

Style Elements: Clarity
Precise directions
Diction (consider audience)
Figurative language
Audience knowledge or attitude
Tone
Ultimate goals

Mechanical Considerations: Watch your syntax.

Process Analysis Prewrite

Fill in the following information for your Process Analysis essay:

1. **Topic** (Ex: *How a hurricane develops in the Atlantic Ocean; How to wallpaper a small bathroom over the weekend*)
2. **Ingredient, equipment, or tools** (If your essay doesn't include any of these write "none")
3. **Steps** (Staple them to this sheet)
4. Choose at least 4 **development techniques** to add the presentation of your *steps* and *procedures*. These may include specific diction choices (if they are unique to the topic), definitions, and figurative language. In this space, write the name of the technique and give at least one example you will use in your essay. (On your 1st draft, highlight and label all developmental techniques, including the steps, and also highlight and label all transitions you use to move your reader from one part of the essay to the next.)
5. Which **organizational pattern** will you use and why? If you use more than one pattern, name both of them and explain how you will use each one. Which one will dominate the pattern?