

## Four Types of Writing Worksheet

### Part 1: Understanding the Four Types of Writing

- **Narrative** – Writing in which the author tells a story. The story could be fact or fiction.
- **Persuasive** – Writing that aims to convince or persuade the reader to take a certain action or to influence the reader.
- **Expository** – Writing in which the author's purpose is to inform or explain the subject to the reader.
- **Descriptive** – A type of expository writing that uses the five senses to paint a picture for the reader. This writing incorporates imagery and specific details.

What is the main purpose of **narrative** writing?

- The main purpose of narrative writing is to tell a story or a series of events.

What is the main purpose of **persuasive** writing?

- The main purpose of persuasive writing is to convince or persuade the reader to take a certain action or believe a certain thing.

What is the main purpose of **expository** writing?

- The main purpose of expository writing is to explain or inform.

What is the main purpose of **descriptive** writing?

- The main purpose of descriptive writing is to paint a picture or describe something in detail.



## Part 2: Identifying the Type of Writing

**Instructions:** For each passage write "narrative," "persuasive," "expository," or "descriptive" in the blank to identify the type of writing it is. Choose the *best* answer.

1. It was a dark and stormy night. Lightning lit up the sky as I walked home from the school play. I had to find shelter fast. Soon I realized that I had lost my way.
2. The main reason people choose fast food is convenience. Fast food restaurants offer quick meals that can be eaten on the go. But regularly consuming fast food can have negative health effects.
3. We should all recycle. It's good for the environment, conserves natural resources, reduces pollution, and creates jobs.
4. The sky was ablaze with orange and pink hues. The clouds seemed to be on fire, their wispy tendrils reaching up towards the heavens. The air was filled with the warm, comforting scent of sweetgrass, carried on a gentle breeze.
5. You should definitely go on this trip with me. It's going to be an amazing adventure, and we'll get to see so many cool places and do so many fun things. It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that we shouldn't pass up.
6. The process of photosynthesis in plants involves the conversion of sunlight into energy. This energy is then used to convert carbon dioxide and water into glucose, which provides the plant with the nourishment it needs to grow and thrive.
7. The city street was alive with the bustle of nightlife. Neon signs cast a harsh glow over the crowded sidewalks, flickering and pulsing in time to the thrumming beat of the music spilling out from the nightspots. The air was heavy with the smell of exhaust fumes and the sweet, pungent aroma of street food vendors.
8. I woke up to the sound of rain pattering against my window. I groggily pulled myself out of bed and made my way to the kitchen, following the smell of freshly brewed coffee. As I sipped my coffee and watched the rain, I felt a sense of peace and contentment wash over me.
9. Children should be required to learn a second language in school. There are numerous benefits to learning a second language, including improved cognitive skills, increased cultural awareness, and better job opportunities.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Period: \_\_\_\_\_

**Answer KEY**

1. narrative
2. expository
3. persuasive
4. descriptive
5. persuasive
6. expository
7. descriptive
8. narrative
9. persuasive

