

Explanations

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Explanation

Definition -

- Title
- What it is

Components or parts –

- What it consists of
- Usually written as a paragraph with commas.
- Could be a list.

Operations –

- How it works. Usually written as a paragraph.
- Could be in step form.

Application –

- What it's used for.

How a Harp Works

The harp is a musical instrument very popular with the Welsh.

The harp consists of a wood or metal frame and usually 47 strings.

When a harpist plays their harp, they pluck the strings, all of which have been tuned to a different note. They can also raise or lower the pitch by pressing one of the seven pedals on the front.

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How a Torch Works

A torch is a useful tool to carry around which lets you light up the dark.

It consists of a switch, one or two batteries, a bulb, a reflector, a case and a lens.

When you turn on the switch it makes a circuit with the battery and the bulb. The reflector and the lens make the light in the bulb stronger.

A torch is a useful thing to carry around on dark nights if you are going somewhere where there are no street lights. It is also useful to have in case of power cuts.



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How a Hot Air Balloon Works

A hot-air balloon is a very simple flying machine which can carry a small number of people through the air.

It consists of the balloon itself, known as the envelope, the hot air burner and the basket, which carries the people.

When the pilot wants to go up he or she lights the burner which is above the passenger's heads. The burner heats the air inside the envelope which blows up like a balloon. Because hot air rises, the air lifts the balloon up into the air where it is carried by the wind. If the pilot wants to come down, they simply turn down the burner so the air cools again.

Hot air balloons will never take over from aeroplanes because they are difficult to control and carry only a few people. They are very beautiful, however, and are a popular hobby with some people.



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Explanations Check List

Have I written a title saying what it is?

Does my first paragraph give a definition?

Does my second paragraph explain the operation?

Does my final paragraph give the applications?

Is it all written in an impersonal third person style without using 'I'?

Have I used capital letters and full stops?

Have I checked my spelling?

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