

Moving from Discussion to Definition Paragraph

In the classroom exercise in Week 4, you explained something—an object, an idea, a type of food, or a special place—to your partner. Your partner asked you questions, and you wrote down the questions.

At the end of the classroom exercise, you should have something like this:

Topic: IPAs

What is an IPA? -> An IPA is a kind of beer that is popular these days.

What kind of beer is it? -> IPAs are very hoppy beers. This means they're made with lots of hop flowers. This makes them more bitter than lager-style beers.

What does "I.P.A." stand for? -> The term IPA is an acronym for the name "India Pale Ale." Originally, British brewers made IPA for export to places like India.

Why did they use a lot of hops in IPAs? -> Hops acted as a preservative, so it made the beer less likely to go bad during the long ocean trip to India.

Where are IPAs from? -> The origin of the IPA is in England. However, in the late 20th century, IPAs became popular all over the world.

After you have the questions and your answers, you can delete the questions and labels and turn your answers into a paragraph. Note, you might want to change the order of the answers in your paragraph, for a more logical flow, like this:

An IPA is a kind of beer that is popular these days. IPAs are very hoppy beers. This means they're made with lots of hop flowers. This makes them more bitter than lager-style beers. The term IPA is an acronym for the name "India Pale Ale." Originally, British brewers made IPA for export to places like India. Hops acted as a preservative, so it made the beer less likely to go bad during the long ocean trip to India. The origin of the IPA is in England. However, in the late 20th century, IPAs became popular all over the world.

Now, read your paragraph and look for where more questions come to your mind, or where more explanation will make it easier for your reader to understand. Add some sentences for these points. You should also add a Title (and byline) and a very general Concluding Sentence to your Paragraph, like this:

The Glorious IPA

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An IPA is a kind of beer that is popular these days. IPAs are very hoppy beers. This means they're made with lots of hop flowers. This makes them more bitter than lager-style beers, but also gives them a stronger flavor and aroma. Hops can smell and taste many different ways, from fruity to earthy to herbal. The term IPA is an acronym for the name "India Pale Ale." Originally, British brewers made IPA for export to places like India. Because hops acted as a preservative in beer, they used large amounts of hops while making this export beer. This ensured that the beer was less likely to go bad during the long ocean trip to India. The origin of the IPA is in England, but in the late 20th century, IPAs became popular all over the world. They especially became popular in the United States and Canada. Next time you see an IPA, you can try it without hesitation!

Don't forget to format your paragraph correctly after you have written it!