**Syllabus definition:**
make an idea or situation plain or clear by describing it in more detail or revealing relevant facts; give an account; provide additional information

**The process of explaining**

Before explaining:
- Identify the topic, idea or concept
- Identify the audience

After explaining:
- Check the explanation enhances audience understanding

**Cognitions to help support**

Cognitive skills to help explain:
- Identify
- Comprehend
- Describe

Cognitive skills that follow explain:
- Analyse
- Determine
- Justify

**Sentence starters**

What happened was ...
To make this clear ...
A key feature of ...
The relationship between ...
Firstly ... then ...
It can be seen that ...
because ...
In this case, the facts are ...