

Comprehension

Text Structure Reflection

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| Text Structure | Explanation | Signal Words | Graphic Organizers |
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| Cause and Effect | Ideas, events, or facts are presented as causes in conjunction with the resulting outcomes or effects | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • accordingly • consequently • may be due to • so • thus • because • for this reason • nevertheless • therefore • as a result • if ... then • since • this led to | |
| Compare and Contrast | Similarities and differences are presented between two or more topics or concepts | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • although • but • either ... or • in common • similar to • as opposed to • compared with • even though • likewise • yet • as well as • different from • however • not only | |
| Description | Provides information about a topic | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a number of • characteristics • in addition • is like • to illustrate • appears to be • for example • in back of • looks like • as in • for instance • including • such as | |
| Problem and Solution | Problem is presented followed by one or more solutions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a problem • because • in order to • one reason for • steps involved • a solution • for this reason • leads/led to • since • this led to • accordingly • if ... then • may be due to • so that • thus | |
| Question and Answer | Question is posed and then followed by answers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how • one may conclude • when • why • how many • the best estimate • where • if it could be that • what • who | |
| Sequence | Events are described in numerical or chronological order | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • after • before • first • initially • next • on (date) • soon • today • while • afterward • during • following • later • not long after • preceding • then • until • at last • finally • immediately • meanwhile • now • second • third • when | |