

Expository Questions Chart

<i>Text Structure</i>	<i>Definition</i>	<i>Question Clues</i>
Description	Information gives visual details	The question may ask you to describe something or someone with examples.
Sequential	Information presented in chronological order from beginning to end	The question may ask you to tell the order in which something happens, or show a step-by-step process.
Compare and contrast	Information shows how two or more items are alike and different	The question may ask you to tell or explain how things are the same or different, or compare and contrast something.
Problem-solution	Information poses a problem and possible solution	The question may ask you to explain what the problem is and how you would solve it, or give you the problem and ask you for the solution.
Cause and effect	Information explains why something happened	The question may ask you to give the reason for, explain what will happen if, explain what causes this, explain the effect of this, or explain how this does. . . .