

Expository Text Structures

<i>Text Structure</i>	<i>Definition</i>	<i>Word Cues</i>
Description	Information gives visual details	Specific words that tell what something is like; adjectives and similes may be used
Sequential	Information presented in chronological order from beginning to end	First, second, third, next, then, last, later, after, finally, at last
Compare and contrast	Information shows how two or more items are alike and different	Compare: just like, as well as, both, alike, also, same, similar, compare Contrast: different, differences, not alike, contrast, except, but, yet, on the other hand, however, while
Problem-solution	Information poses a problem and possible solution	Because, problem, solution, question, so that
Cause and effect	Information explains why something happened	Because, the reason for, thus, since, consequently, if . . . then, as a result, the cause(s) is/are