
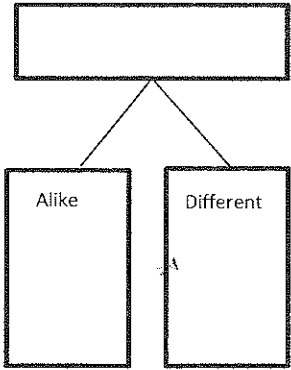
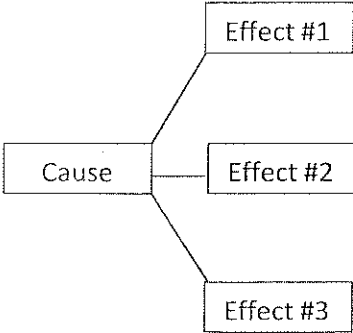
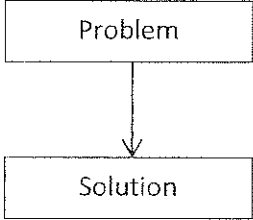


Five Expository Text Structures and Their Signal Words

PATTERN	DESCRIPTION	CUE WORDS (Signal Words)	SAMPLE GRAPHIC ORGANIZER
Description	The author describes a topic by listing characteristics, features, attributes, and examples.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • for example • characteristics of • for instance • such as • is like • including • to illustrate 	
Sequence	The author lists items or events in numerical or chronological sequence, either explicit or implied.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • first • second • third • later • next • before • then • finally • after • when • previously • actual use of dates 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____
Comparison	Information is presented by detailing how two or more events, concepts, theories, or things are alike and/or different.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • however • nevertheless • on the other hand • but • similarly • although • also • in contrast • different • alike • same as • either/or in comparison • where as • yet • either/or • just like 	

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Cause and Effect	The author presents ideas, events in time, or facts as causes and the resulting effects(s) or facts that happen as a result of an event.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • if/then • reasons why • as a result • therefore • because • consequently • since • so that • for • hence • due to • thus • this led to 	 <pre> graph LR Cause[Cause] --- Effect1[Effect #1] Cause --- Effect2[Effect #2] Cause --- Effect3[Effect #3] </pre>
Problem and Solution	The author presents a problem and one or more solutions to the problem.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • problem is • dilemma is • if/then • because • so that • in response to • due to • given that • in order to • as a result of • a viable solution 	 <pre> graph TD Problem[Problem] --> Solution[Solution] </pre>