

Identifying the Structure of a Text

Directions: Use the chart to help you identify what text structure the author used to organize the information in the story.

Text Structure	Explanation	Key Words
Cause and Effect	The text focuses on an event and what caused it to occur.	<i>Cause, effect, since, then, because, if, when, so</i>
Compare and Contrast	The text focuses on two or more ideas or topics, and the author writes about how they are similar and/or different.	<i>Like, unlike, both, similar different</i>
Description	The text provides detailed descriptions of a topic or idea.	<i>To begin with, for example, for instance, features include</i>
Chronological	The text is written in the order in which the events described occurred.	<i>First, next, then, finally, before, after, dates</i>
Problem and Solution	The text includes information about a problem and possible solutions.	<i>Problem, solution, because, resolved by, the issue is</i>

Text structure used in article _____

Keywords used to identify text structure: _____

RI.5 Anchor Standard: Craft and Structure – Analyze the structure of texts, including how specific sentences, paragraphs, and larger portions of the text (e.g., a section, chapter, scene, or stanza) relate to each other and the whole.