

<b>TEXT STRUCTURE</b>	<b>FEATURES OF THE TEXT STRUCTURE</b>
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Main idea, unique features, supporting ideas, examples.
<b>SEQUENCE</b>	Lists in order a series of events, steps in a process.
<b>COMPARE AND CONTRAST</b>	Lists and explains similarities and differences of two ideas.
<b>CAUSE AND EFFECT</b>	Explains causes or reasons and the results or effects.
<b>PROBLEM AND SOLUTION</b>	States a problem and possible solutions or answers.

- Have students look for words or phrases that help signal what kind of text structure a passage is. These are often transition words that lead from one sentence or idea to the next. Have students mark the words with a highlighter or sticky note. Make a class list of these signal phrases. The chart below summarizes the signal words and phrases typical of each text structure.

<b>TEXT STRUCTURE</b>	<b>KEY WORDS FOUND IN THE TEXT STRUCTURE</b>
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	for example, involves, can be defined, for instance, on, over, next to, also, within
<b>SEQUENCE</b>	to begin with, first, second, in addition, next, then, last, finally, another, also, earlier, later
<b>COMPARE AND CONTRAST</b>	different from, same as, alike, like, similar to, unlike, as well as, yet, either...or, not only...but also, although, most, however, on the other hand, opposite, opposed to, while
<b>CAUSE AND EFFECT</b>	because, so that, thus, unless, therefore, since, in order to, as a result of, this led to, then, reasons for, then...so, for this reason, consequently, an explanation for
<b>PROBLEM AND SOLUTION</b>	problem is, a solution is, solved by, alternative, possible answer, therefore, conclusion, evidence is, a reason for