

Signal Words for Determining Text Structure

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| 1. Chronological /Time | Based on time The order in which things happened | first, next, during, finally, meanwhile, date, etc. |
| 2. Sequence/Process | Step-by-step process | first, second, before, next, finally, meanwhile, in conclusion |
| 3. Cause and Effect | An action and its results Cause is why something happened Effect is what happened | so, because, since, therefore, as a result, may be due, |
| 4. Problem and Solution | Tells about a problem and sometimes says why there is a problem | the question is... fortunately, unfortunately as a result, issue therefore, trouble, problem |
| 5. Compare and Contrast | Discusses the similarities and differences | different from, same as, in contrast, as well as, more, less |
| 6. Spatial/Location/Description | Describes something according to location (space) such as a room describes how something looks | next to, beside, up, down, to the right of, under |