

## Nonfiction Text Structure

<b>NF Text Structure</b>	How information is organized in a passage is the structure.
<b>Sequence</b>	information is organized in an ordered pattern: <b>steps or a process</b> is explained in the order in which it occurs.
<b>Chronological</b>	Information is organized by <b>time</b> . <b>Signal words:</b> <i>first, next, during, finally, meanwhile, date, etc.</i>
<b>Importance</b>	Information is listed in a <b>hierarchy or a priority</b> . <b>Signal Words:</b> <i>first, second, before, next, finally, meanwhile, in conclusion</i>
<b>Cause/Effect</b>	The <b>results</b> of something are explained. <b>Signal Words:</b> so, because, since, therefore, as a result, may be due, consequences
<b>Problem/Solution</b>	A <b>problem is described and a response or solution</b> is proposed or explained. <b>Signal Words:</b> <i>the question is... fortunately, unfortunately, as a result, issue, therefore, trouble, problem</i>
<b>Compare/Contrast</b>	<b>Two or more things</b> are described. Their similarities and differences are discussed. <b>Signal Words:</b> different from, same as, in contrast, as well as, more, less
<b>Spatial/Description</b>	Information is organized in <b>order of space</b> (top to bottom, left to right) or <b>describe in details</b> .

	Signal Words: <i>next to, beside, up, down, to the right of, under</i>
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