

# TEXT STRUCTURE – How is your text organized?

## Sequence

Writers who use this structure in a text list events in **chronological or numerical order**. *Writing examples include biographies and autobiographies, observations, news articles, reports, and diaries.*

- Until
- Before
- After
- During
- Next
- Finally
- long after
- Preceding
- Afterward
- first, second, third...

## Description

The author of this structure **lists characteristics, features, and examples to describe** a subject. *Writing examples include reports, letters, essays, news articles, and magazine articles.*

- To begin with
- most importantly
- for example
- for instance
- in front of
- Near
- First, second, third
- look at
- notice...

## Problem - Solution

The author describes a **challenge or problem** and **ways to solve** it. *Writing examples include letters, reports, scientific explanations, experiments, games, and lists.*

- One reason for
- a solution is
- a problem is
- as a result
- the outcome is
- some issues are
- these can be solved by...

## Compare - Contrast

Using this structure, the writer is explaining **how things are alike** or **different**. *Writing examples include research reports, news articles, textbooks, and magazine articles.*

- In a like manner
- Similarly
- the difference between
- as opposed to
- However
- on the other hand
- but also
- Either
- Both
- unless...

## Question – Answer

The author starts by **stating a question** and then **explaining the answer(s)** to that question in the rest of the text. *Writing examples include interviews, questionnaires, surveys, and instruction manuals.*

- Who
- What
- When
- Where
- Why
- How
- how many
- could it be that
- it's possible to conclude
- do you suppose
- what would be the reason/cause for...

## Cause - Effect

With this structure, the author **describes an event** and **what happens as a result** of that event. *Writing examples include science and history textbooks, biographies, historical fiction, news articles, and experiments.*

- Since
- Because
- this led to
- on account of
- due to
- for this reason
- Consequently
- so that
- Therefore
- as a result of
- accordingly...