Text Structure
Description

A topic, idea, person, place, or thing is described by listing its features, characteristics, or examples.

Sounds like...
Smells like...
Feels like...
Looks like...
Tastes like...
Examples

Signal Words
for example, for instance, specifically, in particular, in addition
Sequential

Describes events in order or explains the steps one must follow to do something or make something

Signal Words

first, second, next, last, another, then, finally, after that, before
Text Structure

**Compare and Contrast**

Shows how two or more things are alike and/or how they are different

**Compare**
- similar to
- alike
- same as
- not only...but also
- resemble
- as well as
- both

**Contrast**
- different from
- however
- although
- on the other hand
- as opposed to
- more than
- less than
- on the contrary

Signal Words

**Signal Words**
Text Structure

**Cause and Effect**

Shows relationship between cause (event) and effect (what happened because of the event)

- **Cause**
  - Cloud
  - Rain

- **Effects**
  - Rainbow
  - Sun
  - Flowers

**Signal Words**

- consequently
- therefore
- as a result
- reason
- why
- because
- of
- may
- be
- due
- to
Text Structure

Problem and Solution

Tells about a problem and then gives one or more solutions

Problem

Solution

Signal Words

consequently, therefore, as a result, thereby, leads to, because of