Text Structures

How the author organizes information

Structure	What it does	Signal words
Description	Tells what something is like	*for example, such as, looks like*
Sequence	Gives steps or events in order	*first, next, then, finally*
Compare & Contrast	Shows how things are alike and different	*both, however, unlike, similarly*
Cause & Effect	Tells why something happened	*because, so, as a result, therefore*
Problem & Solution	Names a problem and how to fix it	*problem, solution, solved, the answer*