

Text Structure



Compare & Contrast



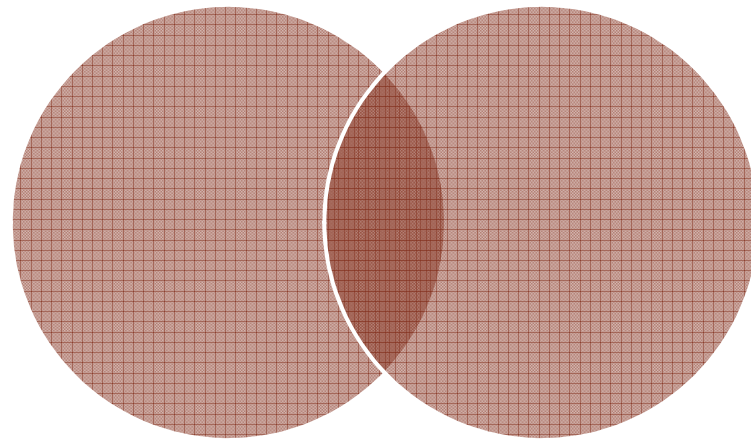
- ❧ Shows how two or more things are alike and/or different
- ❧ Things to think about while you are reading:
 - ❧ What things are being compared?
 - ❧ How are they alike?
 - ❧ How are they different?

Compare & Contrast



Signal Words

- ✧ In the same way
- ✧ In comparison
- ✧ On the other hand
- ✧ As well as
- ✧ Although
- ✧ Different
- ✧ Similarly
- ✧ However
- ✧ Both



Problem – Solution



- ❧ Tells about a problem, then gives one or more possible solutions
- ❧ Things to think about when reading:
 - ❧ What is the problem?
 - ❧ How can it be solved?

Problem - Solution



Signal Words

- Question
- Answer
- Puzzle
- Response
- Because
- Issue
- Solve
- Query
- If/then
- So/that
- Need



Description



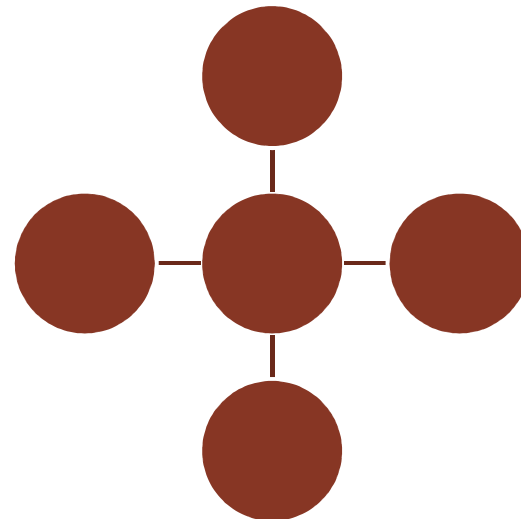
- ❧ Tells about a topic by listing features, characteristics, and examples
- ❧ Things to think about when reading:
 - ❧ What is being described?
 - ❧ What details are given?
 - ❧ How do the details create a picture?

Description



Signal words:

- For example
- Characteristics
- To illustrate
- For instance
- In addition
- Attributes of
- Specifically
- Is like
- Such as



Sequence



- ❧ Describes events in chronological order to explain the steps to follow to do or make something
- ❧ Things to think about when reading?
 - ❧ How are the steps/events organized?
 - ❧ What comes first? Next? Last?
 - ❧ What do all the steps/events explain?

Sequence



Signal Words

- Before
- At the start
- First
- Next
- Then
- After
- Last
- Now
- During
- Finally
- Soon
- Later



Cause & Effect



- ❧ Shows the relationship between an event (cause) and what happened because of the event (effect)
- ❧ Things to think about when reading:
 - ❧ What happened? (effect)
 - ❧ What made it happen? (cause)
 - ❧ Is there more than one cause and effect?

Cause & Effect



Signal Words

- As a result
- Consequently
- For this reason
- Because
- Therefore
- Leads to
- Since
- So that
- Due to

