

TEXT STRUCTURE OVERVIEW

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To analyze a text's structure is to analyze how a writer organizes information in a text. Readers can identify structures by observing a work's title, subtitles, headings, and signal words which, in turn, helps the reader read efficiently and better comprehend the work. Most non-fiction text structures follow one or more of the following:

Type of Structure	Purpose	Signal Words Structure May Use		Example of Structure
Argument/ Evidence	The text attempts to convince the reader to do or believe something by making a strong claim and providing evidence for it.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Therefore Accordingly As you can see To illustrate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In addition to Another reason Finally In conclusion 	Social media needs more oversight to better protect its audience. To illustrate...
Cause/ Effect	The text describes events and identifies or implies causal relationships to other events, people, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> So Because Since Therefore If...then 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This led to As a result The effect of Consequently For this reason 	Super-smoothie sales have increased their sales threefold since the company launched its social media campaign.
Compare/ Contrast	The text describes similarities or differences between ideas, objects, places, or events.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same as Similar As well as Not only...but also Both Instead of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Either...or On the other hand As opposed to While 	While some may think that different social media are redundant, the different types actually play a specific role in our virtual world. On one hand...
Definition	The text introduces a subject, then provides a classification of the subject.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A facilitator to guide the process A scribe to track the phrases and words that are shared 		Social media is, at best, a virtual community and, at worst, an enormous waste of our time. To clarity...
Description	The text explains a topic, usually with considerable detail.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A facilitator to guide the process A scribe to track the phrases and words that are shared 		Pinterest is a form of social media for people who are visual. Characteristics include...
Problem/ Solution	The text introduces and describes a problem and presents several possible solutions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A facilitator to guide the process A scribe to track the phrases and words that are shared 		It is clear that people are wasting too much time on social media. To solve this...
Sequence/ Chronological/ Order of Importance	The text reveals steps in a process, events in a sequence of events in a logical chain.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Second Then Next 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Before After Finally Now 	Facebook was founded in 2004 and has undergone many transformations over the years to make it the social media powerhouse it is today. The first step...