Text Structures

Text Structure	The information in the text might answer these questions	Signal words that might be clues as to how the information is organized.	What the author might tell you about this topic
Description	What are you describing? What are the qualities?	for example, as in , in fact, also, characteristics, most important, such as, for instance, another	
Chronology (Sequence)	What happened? What is the sequence of events? What are the stages in the process?	first, next, later, finally, before, after, then, second, as soon as, while, during, meanwhile, immediately	
Comparison	How are these alike? How are these different? What are the similarities? What are the differences?	alike, as well as, although, on the other hand, different, both, similar, compared to, instead, despite, however	
Cause/Effect	What are the causes of this event? What might happen next? What are the effects of this action?	because, as a result, if . . . then, since, consequently, due to, therefore, so that, this led to	
Problem/Solution	What is the problem? What are the possible solutions? How can this solution be implemented?	the problem is, the dilemma, solved, resolved, so that, if . . . then, this led to, nevertheless	