

Text Structure Frames

Problem/Solution Text

- × Sentence 1—tells who had the problem and what the problem is
- × Sentence 2—tells what action was taken to try to solve the problem
- × Sentence 3—tells what happened as a result of the action taken

_____ had a problem because _____
Therefore, _____
As a result, _____.

Comparison/Contrast Text

_____ and _____ are similar in several ways. Both _____ and _____ have similar _____.
Finally, both _____ and _____ are different in several ways. First, _____, while _____.
Secondly, _____, but _____.
In addition while _____, _____. Finally, _____, while _____.

Sequence Text

Here is how a _____ is made. First, _____. Next, _____. Then, _____. Finally, _____.

Cause/Effect Text

Because of _____, _____.
caused _____. Therefore _____. Finally, due to _____, _____. This explains why _____.

Descriptive Text

There are _____ kinds of _____. The first kind of _____ is _____. It _____.
The second one is _____. It _____.
The third kind is _____. It _____.
Now you can recognize the _____ kinds of _____.

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Descriptive Text – Example 1

There are _____ kinds of _____. The first kind of

_____ is _____.

It _____.

The second one is _____.

It _____.

The third kind is _____.

It _____.

Now you can recognize the _____ kinds of _____.

Descriptive Text – Example 2

_____ has several specific characteristics. One characteristic is _____.

Another key characteristic is the _____, which influences how _____.

Another important trait is _____. This is important because _____.

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Sequence Text – Example 1

Here is how a _____ is made.

First, _____.

Second, _____.

Next, _____.

Then, _____.

Finally, _____.

Sequence Text - Example 2

Here are the steps to follow to _____.

First, _____.

Second, _____.

Next, _____.

It's important to remember to _____.

The last step is to _____.

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By following these steps, you'll be able to _____.

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Comparison and Contrast Text – Example 1

_____ and _____ are similar in several ways. They both _____.

They also _____.

Finally, both _____.

Because of these similarities, we can _____.

Comparison and Contrast Text – Example 2

_____ and _____ are different in several ways. One difference is that _____, while on the other hand _____.

Another way they differ is _____.

In addition, _____, however, _____.

In contrast, _____.

These differences help us to see _____.

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_____ had/was/is a problem because

_____.

Therefore, _____.

As a result, _____.

Problem and Solution Text – Example 2

The problem of _____ really boils down to the issue of _____.

In the past, the common solution was to _____.

However, this was only

effective in terms of _____.

There are now other solutions that might work. One option would be to _____.

This would _____.

Another option would be to _____.

This is ideal because _____.

_____.

These possible solutions are worth considering if we are to solve this issue in the near future.

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Cause and Effect Text – Example 1

Because of _____, _____.

_____ caused _____.

Therefore _____.

Finally, due to _____, _____.

This explains why _____.

Cause and Effect Text – Example 2

The cause of _____ is not easy to define. Some people think the cause is _____.

Others believe the main cause is _____.

Understanding the cause of _____ is important because _____.

Cause and Effect Text – Example 3

The effects of _____ are significant because _____.

One effect of _____ is _____.

Another result is _____.

Because of these outcomes, it important that _____.

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