

Text Structures

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1. All matter, all things can be changed in two ways: chemically and physically. Both chemical and physical changes affect the state of matter. Physical changes are those that do not change the make-up or identity of the matter. For example, clay will bend or flatten if squeezed, but it will still be clay. Changing the shape of clay is a physical change, and does not change the matter's identity. Chemical changes turn the matter into a new kind of matter with different properties. For example, when paper is burnt, it becomes ash and will never be paper again. The difference between them is that physical changes are temporary or only last for a little while, and chemical changes are permanent, which means they last forever. Physical and chemical changes both affect the state of matter.	cause/effect chronological compare-contrast order of importance problem/solution sequence/process spacial/descriptive	
2. Fireworks have been around for at least as long as gunpowder. Both gunpowder and fireworks are Chinese inventions. During the tenth, eleventh, and twelfth centuries, fireworks were commonly sold in Chinese markets as a way to get rid of evil spirits. During the thirteenth century, Chinese merchants developed rocket propulsion. This allowed fireworks to travel great distances, much like they do today. In the 17th century, Chinese fireworks were popularized in Europe. After becoming popular with the British, fireworks spread all over their vast empire. Nowadays people around the world celebrate with fireworks. Whether at a sporting event, concert, or public gathering, fireworks signal a great celebration.	cause/effect chronological compare-contrast order of importance problem/solution sequence/process spacial/descriptive	
3. If you want to form a strong relationship with your dog, try playing fetch. It's fun and easy to do, and if everything goes well your dog should do most of the fetching. Just find something that your dog wants to retrieve, such as a stick, a thick rope tied in knots, or a squeaky toy. Show it to your dog to get his or her interest. Shake it around in your hand and call out the dog's name. Once they are paying attention, throw the object as far as you can. Be careful not to throw it anywhere that you wouldn't want your dog to go, like the middle of the road or under a china cabinet. Hopefully your dog will bring the object back to you. When he or she does, praise your dog and command him or her to drop the object. Pick it up and repeat the process for the next 10 to 15 years.	cause/effect chronological compare-contrast order of importance problem/solution sequence/process spacial/descriptive	
4. Have you ever seen a mouse or rat in or around your home? If so, you may have a rodent infestation. Mice and rats are considered pests since they steal food from people. They are hard to get rid of because they move quickly and they hide in walls and other tight places that are difficult for people to reach. These pests make poor houseguests, but you don't have to live with them any longer. You can give them the boot without bringing any poisons in to your home. You can do this by	cause/effect chronological compare-contrast order of importance problem/solution	

getting a cat: nature's remedy for a rodent problem. Cats have very sharp senses and lightning quick reflexes. They are excellent hunters. It is estimated that cats kill between 10 and 20 billion small mammals annually. Not only will a cat help to solve your issue with rodents, they will also kill any small birds that they can catch. So rather than sharing your home with a greedy mouse or a filthy rat, share it with a cat.

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5. Cats may seem like cute and cuddly companions, but to birds and other small mammals, cats are highly lethal killing machines. Even well fed cats may hunt and kill many small animals such as birds, mice, and reptiles. Small animals are most at risk when cats are introduced to areas that have not hosted them before. Since they are not used to living with the threatening cats, these small animals are naïve and vulnerable. If they do not have the defenses to survive, cats will hunt these animals until they are wiped out completely. Cats have played a leading role in the extinction of many small animals, including the Hawaiian Rail and at least 22 other species of bird. While other things may have led to the destruction of these species, cat attacks were a main factor.

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Questions/Reflections

1. Which of the texts was the most difficult to determine the text structure? Why?
2. Which of the texts was the easiest to determine the text structure? Why?

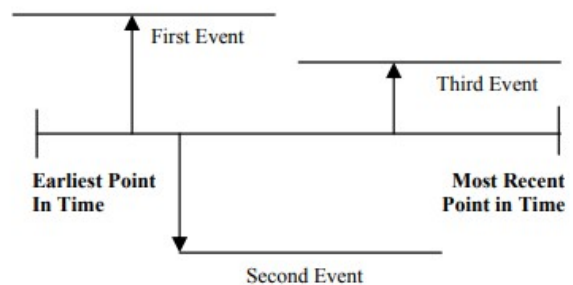
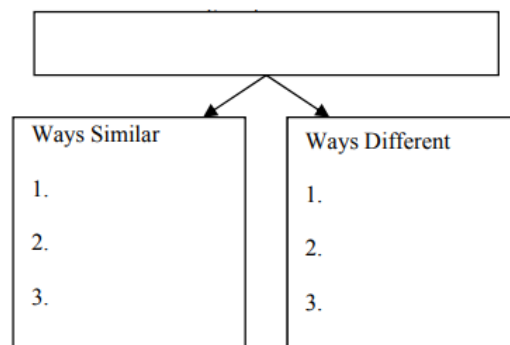
3. Match the text number with the graphic organizer

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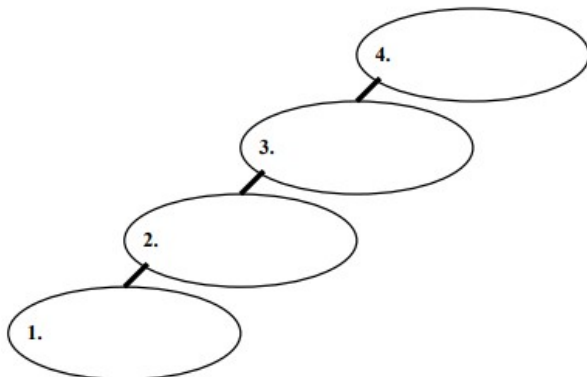
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