The 5 Expository Text Structures

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| **Pattern** | **Description** | **Cue Words** | **Graphic Organizer** | **Sample Passage** |
| *Description* | The author describes a topic by listing characteristics, features, and examples. |  |  |  |
| *Sequence* | The author lists items or events in numerical or chronological order. |  |  |  |
| *Comparison* | The author explains how two or more things are alike and/or how they are different |  |  |  |
| *Cause and Effect* | The author lists one or more causes and the resulting effect or effects |  |  |  |
| *Problem and Solution* | The author states a problem and lists one or more solutions for the problem. A variation of this pattern is the question-and-answer format in which the author poses a question and then answers it. |  |  |  |