

## The 5 Expository Text Structures

Pattern	Description	Cue Words	Graphic Organizer	Sample Passage
<i>Description</i>	The author describes a topic by listing characteristics, features, and examples.			
<i>Sequence</i>	The author lists items or events in numerical or chronological order.			

<i>Comparison</i>	The author explains how two or more things are alike and/or how they are different			
<i>Cause and Effect</i>	The author lists one or more causes and the resulting effect or effects			
<i>Problem and Solution</i>	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.			