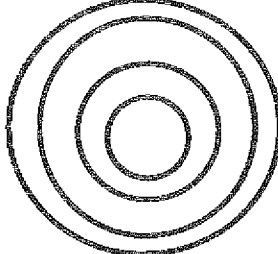

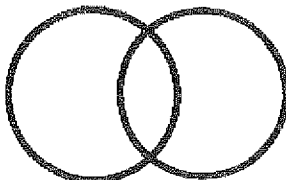

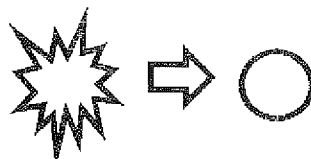
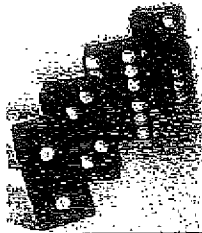
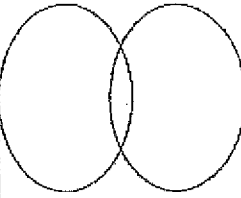
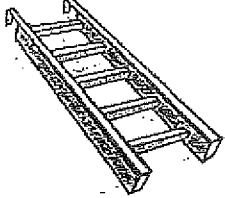
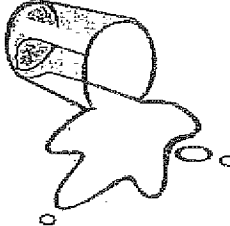



Informational Text Structures

Structure	Meaning	Symbol	Signal Words
Description	To tell about something		characteristics are, is like, one example, also, another, to illustrate, to begin with, on top of, in addition...
Order and Sequence	To show events or procedures in time order		First, second, third, next, later, then, before, followed by, finally....
Compare and Contrast	To show how two or more things are alike and different		like, unlike, also, similar, different, too, as well as, however, although, same as...
Cause and Effect	To show why something happened and what happened		so that, due to, this led to, as a result, since, so, for this reason, in order to...
Problem and Solution	To tell about a problem and show a solution		concern, solve, challenge, help, prevent, so that, the answer, one reason is...

Text Structure Signal Questions & Signal Words

Cause and Effect	Compare and Contrast	Sequence	Problem and Solution	Description ★
				
Cause is why something happened. Effect is what happened. (Sometimes the effect is listed first.)	Shows how two or more things are alike and/or how they are different.	Describes items or events in order or tells the steps to follow to do something or <u>make something</u> <u>How to</u>	Tells about a problem (and sometimes says why there is a problem) then gives one or more possible solutions.	A topic, idea, person, place, or thing is described by listing its features, characteristics, or examples.
Signal Questions				
What happened? Why did it happen? What caused it to happen?	What things are being compared? In what ways are they alike? In what ways are they different?	What items, events, or steps are listed? Do they have to happen in this order? Do they always happen in this order?	What is the problem? Why is this a problem? Is anything being done to try to solve the problem? What can be done to solve the problem?	What specific topic, person, idea, or thing is being described? How is it being described (what does it look like, how does it work, what does it do, etc.)? What is important to remember about it?
Signal Words				
So Because Since Therefore If...then This led to Reason why As a result May be due to Effect of Consequently For this reason	Same as Similar Alike As well as Not only...but also Both Instead of Either...or On the other hand Different from As opposed to	First Second Next Then Before After Finally Following Not long after Now Soon	Question is... Dilemma is... The puzzle is... To solve this... One answer is... One reason for the problem is...	For instance Such as... To begin with An example To illustrate Characteristics *Look for the topic word (or a synonym or pronoun) to be repeated