

# Reference Poster: Understanding text structure

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*Text structures for informational writing*



**1.** Compare and Contrast: shows how two things are the same and different

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**3.** Signal words for compare and contrast: however, but, although, while, both

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**5.** Compare and Contrast helps readers: see likenesses and differences between ideas

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**7.** Text structure is: the skeleton or framework a writer uses to organise ideas

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**2.** Problem and Solution: describes a problem and how it is fixed

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**4.** Signal words for problem and solution: because, so, as a result, then, fixed

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**6.** Problem and Solution helps readers: understand what went wrong and how it was solved

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**8.** Signal words are: clues that show readers which text structure a writer is using

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**9.** Writers choose text structure: to match what they want to teach readers

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**10** Finding the structure helps: you understand the main idea of a text

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**1.** Look for signal words first: they point to the text structure being used.

**2.** Compare and Contrast often uses: both, however, but, alike, different, while.

**3.** Problem and Solution often uses: because, so, fixed, solved, then, as a result.