

## Text Structures and Signal Words

Text Structure	Description	Signal words
<b>Cause-and-Effect</b>	<b>Cause-and-effect</b> words signal that one thing causes another thing to happen. Sometimes a cause and effect relationship is shown within a sentence that contains these kind of signals.	because causes effects for this reason leads produces in order to so since when whenever consequently therefore if... then thus as a result therefore from...to until
<b>Sequence</b>	<b>Sequence</b> words tell the order of events and are useful when there is reference to time in the passage. It can help you place events in chronological order so you can analyze the possible relationship between events. Generally, when a sequence structure is used, the earlier events preceded later events, but did not cause those later events.	first second next on (date) initially finally not long after now following preceding before after when at last
<b>Combination of Text Structures</b>	As a reader, you need to keep in mind that an author may combine different types of text structures in a document. A sequence passage may end with cause and effect sentences to explain that the combination of events caused another event to happen, rather than just one of them causing the event to occur.	Look for both <b>cause-and-effect</b> and <b>sequence</b> signal words.