

# Show Me the Money / Economic Systems

## Five Basic Types of Organizational Text Structures

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### Description

Writers use description to describe something.

Signal words include:

describe, for example, for instance, most important, in front, beside, near, looks like, sounds like, such as, is a feature of, also, another.

### Sequence or Timeline

Writers use sequence to explain how events or steps in a process take place.

Signal words include:

first, second, third, before, after, next, at the same time, on, now, preceding, when, then, following, finally.

### Compare and Contrast

Writers use compare and contrast to explain similarities and differences.

Signal words include:

similar, different from, although, instead, but, yet, likewise, like, unlike, also, too, both, in contrast, on the other hand, however.

### Cause and Effect

Writers use cause and effect to explain how an event caused another to occur.

Signal words include:

causes, effects, as a result of, since, because of, for this reason, consequently, if, then, this led to, therefore, in order to, produces.

### Problem and Solution

Writers use problem and solution to describe a problem and the steps taken to solve it.

Signal words include:

because, the problem is, a solution is, the question is, difficulty, help, solve, one answer is, steps taken to solve (prevent), solution, resolution, answer.