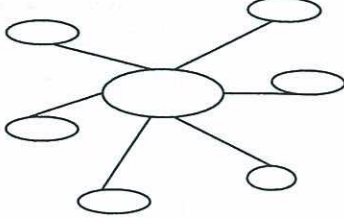
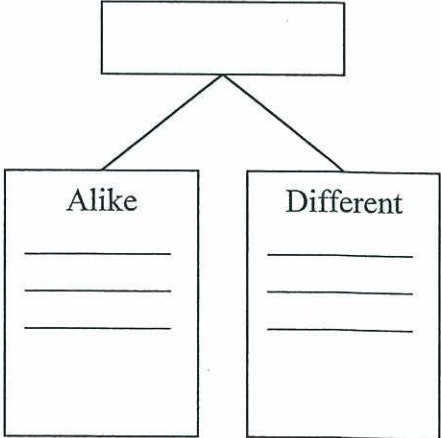
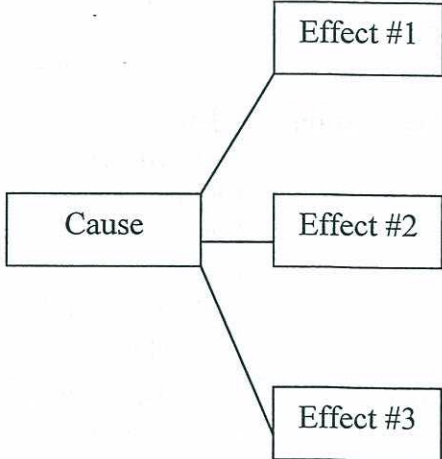


## Five Expository Text Structures and their Associated Signal Words

Pattern	Description	Cue Words (signal words)	Graphic Organizer
Description	The author describes a topic by listing characteristics, features, attributes, and examples	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• for example</li> <li>• characteristics</li> <li>• for instance</li> <li>• such as</li> <li>• is like</li> <li>• including</li> <li>• to illustrate</li> </ul>	
Sequence	The author lists items or events in numerical or chronological sequence, either explicit or implied	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• first</li> <li>• second</li> <li>• third</li> <li>• later</li> <li>• next</li> <li>• before</li> <li>• then</li> <li>• finally</li> <li>• after</li> <li>• when</li> <li>• later</li> <li>• since</li> <li>• now</li> <li>• previously</li> <li>• actual use of dates</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. _____</li> <li>2. _____</li> <li>3. _____</li> <li>4. _____</li> </ol>
Compare/ Contrast	Information is presented by detailing how two or more events, concepts, theories, or things are alike and/or different	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• however</li> <li>• nevertheless</li> <li>• on the other hand</li> <li>• but</li> <li>• similarly</li> <li>• although</li> <li>• also</li> <li>• in contrast</li> <li>• different</li> <li>• alike</li> <li>• same as</li> <li>• either/or</li> <li>• in the same way</li> <li>• just like</li> <li>• just as</li> <li>• likewise</li> <li>• in comparison</li> <li>• where as</li> <li>• yet</li> </ul>	

Cause and Effect	The author presents ideas, events in time, or facts as causes and the resulting effect(s) or facts that happen as a result of an event.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• if/then</li> <li>• reasons why</li> <li>• as a result</li> <li>• therefore</li> <li>• because</li> <li>• consequently</li> <li>• since</li> <li>• so that</li> <li>• for</li> <li>• hence</li> <li>• due to</li> <li>• thus</li> <li>• this led to</li> </ul>	
Problem and Solution	The author presents a problem and one or more solutions to the problem	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• problem is</li> <li>• dilemma is</li> <li>• if/then</li> <li>• because</li> <li>• so that</li> <li>• question/answer</li> <li>• puzzle is solved</li> </ul>	