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Nonfiction Text Structure

Problem and Solution	Cause and Effect
Compare and Contrast	Sequence
Description	

Identify the text structure of each of the following paragraphs.

Popicles and ice cream bars are both cold, refreshing treats to have on hot days. They are both served on a stick and they need to be stored in the freezer. Both melt quickly when they are being eaten. However, there are some differences between the popicle and ice cream bar, as well. Popicles are made primarily of water, while ice cream bars have creamy ice cream in the middle. Popicles usually come in fruity flavors, whereas ice cream bars usually have a chocolate coating surrounding the ice cream. As you can see, popicles and ice cream bars are similar in many ways, but there are also some important differences between the two tasty treats.

1. What is the text structure? _____

Decorating a Christmas tree is an annual holiday tradition in American homes. Most people don't think about how harmful it is for the environment. Cutting down a tree just to decorate your home for a few weeks is not a good action for the environment. As a result, many people choose to buy an artificial, or fake, Christmas tree. After all, an artificial tree can be reused year after year. Unfortunately, though, fake trees are made with PVC, a harmful substance for the environment. What should a person who wants to have a Christmas tree but care for the environment do? Look no further! There are solutions! One answer is to buy a real tree from a local grower that will use live plants. After Christmas is over, the tree can be replanted in your yard or garden. Another option in some cities is to rent a tree. A person delivers a tree to your house before Christmas, you display the tree in your house for a few weeks, and then the person returns to pick up your tree and replant it with new branches. There are solutions to the Christmas tree dilemma for people who want to care for Earth's environment all year long.

2. What is the text structure? _____
