

## Expository Text Organizational Patterns

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Cause/effect - The author lists one or more causes and the resulting effect or effects</li> </ul>	Reasons why; if...then; as a result; therefore; because
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Classification - the author groups persons, places, things or abstract ideas according to a common topic.</li> </ul>	Most significant; least...; greatest; the characteristics are...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Comparison - The author explains how two or more things are alike and/or how they are different.</li> </ul>	Alike; similar to; contrast; different
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Definition - The author defines a topic or subject</li> </ul>	Explain...;define...; write about...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Description - The author describes a topic by listing characteristics, features, and examples</li> </ul>	Describe...; illustrate...; for example...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Persuasion - The author's intent is to convince the reader to view things from the author's point of view</li> </ul>	Agree/disagree; support...; evidence that supports...; reasons
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Problem/solution - The author states a problem and lists one or more solutions for the problem</li> </ul>	Problem is...; solution is...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Sequence - The author lists items or events in numerical or chronological order. Sequence also includes <i>how to</i> and process</li> </ul>	First, second, third; next; then; finally