

Expository Text Organizational Patterns

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