

CAUSE AND EFFECT

Signal Words: so, because, since, therefore, if . . . then, reason why, as a result, may be due to, effect of, consequently, for this reason, leads to

It tells us what happened and why something happened.

COMPARE AND CONTRAST

Signal Words: same as, similar, alike, as well as, not only . . . but also, both, instead of, either . . . or, on the other hand, different from, just like, unlike, in contrast

How are two or more things the same? How are they different?

SEQUENCE OR TIME ORDER

Signal Words: first, second, next, then, before, after, finally, following, not long after, now, soon, in the beginning, to start, during, last of all, in the middle, in the end

It tells us about a series of events from the beginning to the end. Tells us how to do something in a series of steps.

DESCRIPTION OR LIST

Signal Words: for example such as, to begin with, an example, to illustrate, characteristics, specifically, in addition

It tells us who, what, where, when, why, and how of a topic.

PROBLEM SOLUTION

Signal Words: question is, dilemma is, the puzzle is, to solve this, one answer is, one reason for the problem is . . . , issue, cause, since, therefore, because of, solve, so, then

It shares with us a problem, and then tells us of possible solutions.