

# TEXT STRUCTURES

## Chronological Order

Chronological order is the order, or sequence, in which events happen.

**Keywords:** first, secondly, after this, next, then, before, during, finally.

## Compare and Contrast

When you **compare**, you show how things are alike.

When you **contrast**, you show how things are different.

**Keywords:** alike, both, like, unlike, while, different, but, although.

## Cause and Effect

A **cause** is why something happens.

An **effect** is what happens as a result of a cause.

**Keywords:** because, therefore, as a result, since, due to, thus, so.

## Problem and Solution

Problem and solution text structure describes a problem first  
and how the problem is solved.

**Keywords:** issue, problem, resolved, challenge, fixed.