

**Figure 11.3 Common Informational Text Structures and Signal Words**

Text Structure	Definition	Signal Words
Compare/Contrast	A text that describes the similarities and differences among two or more things, places, events, ideas, and so on	although, as well as, as opposed to, both, but, by contrast, compared with, different from, either . . . or, even though, however, in common, in comparison, instead of, like, on the other hand, otherwise, similar to, similarly, still, unlike, whereas, yet
Problem/Solution	A text that identifies an issue and how the issue is solved; often the solution becomes another problem	because, consequently, despite, dilemma is, if . . . then, problem is, puzzle is solved, question/answer, resolved, result, so that, thus
Cause/Effect	A text that explains how or why something happened	accordingly, as a result of, because, begins with, consequently, effects of, for this reason, if . . . then, in order to, is caused by, leads/led to, may be due to, so that, steps involved, thereby, therefore, thus, when . . . then
Chronological/ Sequence/ Temporal	A text that presents information in order of time, sequence, or as a process	additionally, after, afterward, another, as soon as, before, during, finally, first, following, immediately, initially, last, later, meanwhile, next, not long after, now, on (date), preceding, second, soon, then, third, today, tomorrow, until, when, yesterday
Descriptive	A text that provides details that could be a list or outline	above, across, along, appears to be, as in, behind, below, beside, between, down, for example, for instance, in back of, in addition, in front of, in particular, looks like, near, on top of, onto, outside, over, specifically, such as, to the right/left, under