

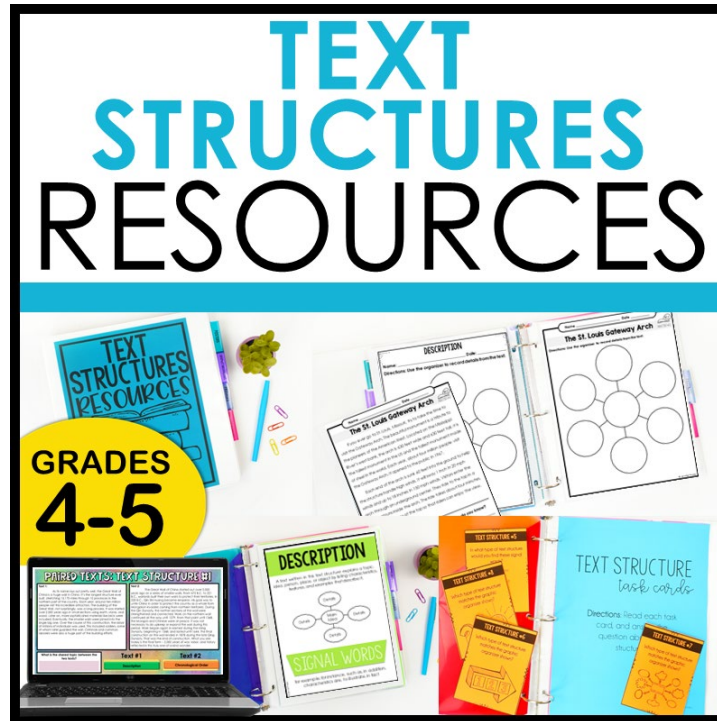
Free resources for text structure!

The image displays a variety of educational materials for teaching text structure to students in grades 4-5. The resources include:

- Text Structure Sort:** A worksheet with a table for sorting cards based on text structure types. The table has columns for Description, Compare and Contrast, Chronological Order, Problem and Solution, and Cause and Effect. Each column contains a brief description of the structure and a list of signal words.
- Text Structures Forms:** Several forms with titles like "Text Structures" and "Same Topic: Different Text Structure". These forms include fields for Name, Date, Topic of the Text, and Text Structure Used. Some forms also have sections for Main Idea and Textual Evidence.
- Text Structure Compare and Contrast:** A card with a paragraph about biking and running, followed by a section for students to compare and contrast the details presented in both texts.
- Text Structure Cause and Effect:** A card with a paragraph about the benefits of exercise, followed by a section for students to analyze the cause and effect relationships in the text.

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Text Structure
ACTIVITIES
FOR GRADES 4-5

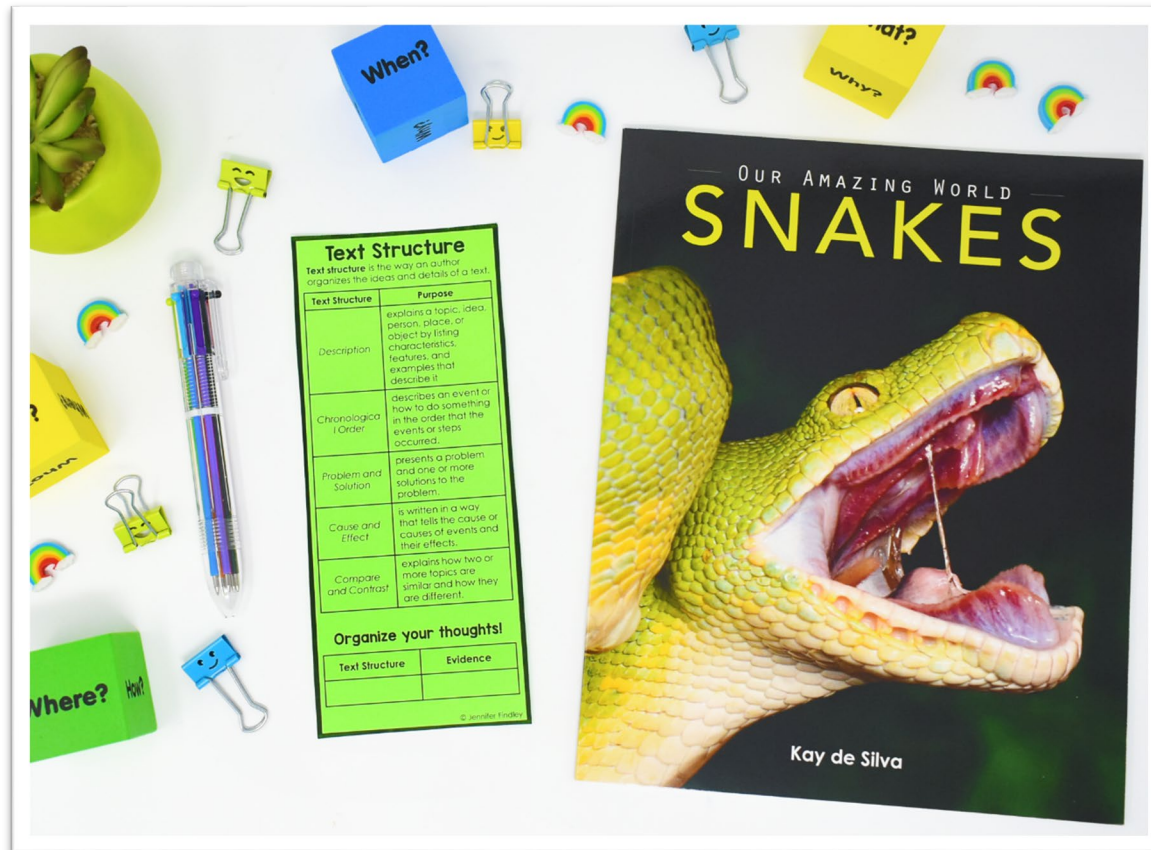
Need **More** Activities for Teaching Text Structures?



This is my top recommended resource for everything you need to teach text structure! It includes posters, graphic organizers, texts (short texts, long texts, and paired texts), and small group activities, including task cards!

[Click here or on the image to check it out!](#)

Use this bookmark to help students remember the different text structures and help them identify structures in their reading.



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Use this sort to help students remember the different text structures and distinguish them from each other.

When?

What?

Where?

Name _____ Date _____

Text Structure Sort

Sort each card into the table based on which text structure they match.

Description	Compare and Contrast	Chronological Order	Problem and Solution	Cause and Effect
In what type of text structure would you find these signal words? for example characteristics	Which type of text structure best matches the graphic organizer shown? 	Which type of text structure best matches the graphic organizer shown? 	In what type of text structure would you find these signal words? resolution dilemma	In what type of text structure would you find these signal words? because as a result
	Which text structure is the following text probably written in? Moon and Stars: What's the Difference?		Which text structure is the following text probably written in? Save Our Oceans: How You Can Help!	Which text structure is the following text probably written in? The Consequences of Feeding Bears
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In this text structure, the author presents a problem and one or more solutions to the problem. The text may also include the pros and cons of each solution.

next after

text structure describes an event or how to do something in the order that the events or steps occurred.

text structure describes a topic by listing characteristics, and giving examples that describe it.

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Text Structure Sort

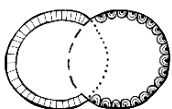

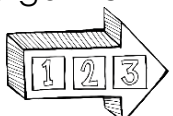
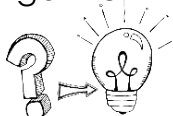
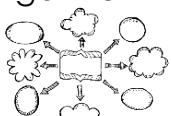
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Text Structure Sort Cards

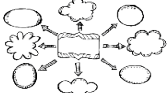
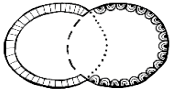
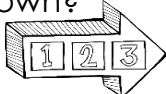




Cut out the cards below. Sort them into the table based on which text structure they match.

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Use these mats to have students dig deeper with text structure and apply the skill while reading in small groups or independently.



Name _____ Date _____

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Text Structures

Topic of the Text	Main Idea of the Text
Text Structure Used	Textual Evidence

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Topic of the Text	Text Structure Used
Key Words Used	Other Textual Evidence

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Text Structures

Main Idea	Text Structure Used
Summary of the Text (Written in the Text Structure Format)	

Name _____ Date _____

Same Topic: Different Text Structure

Topic: _____

Compare and contrast the details presented in both texts. Then write about how the text structures influences the details shared and how they are presented.

Title: _____

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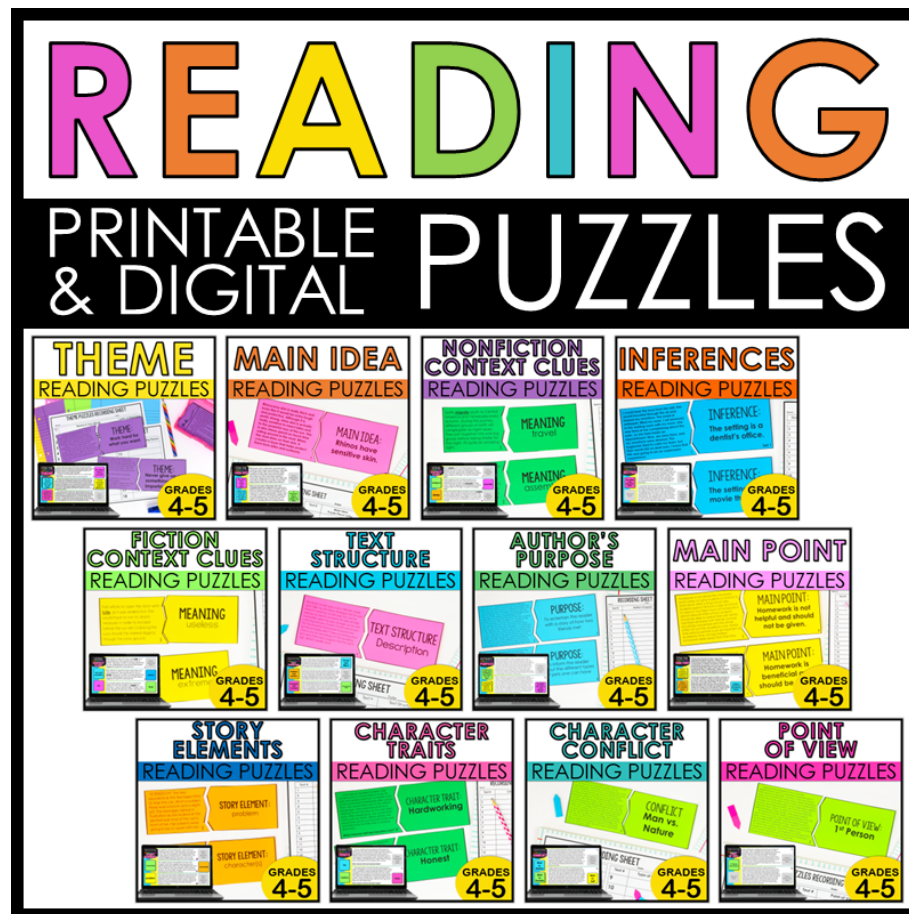
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Use these puzzles to have students identify the text structure of short texts

If you like this free activity, check out the additional reading puzzles I have in my store. [Just click here or on the image below.](https://www.jenniferfindley.com)



In 1835, James Bowman invented the light bulb, which uses electricity to make light. This invention caused huge changes across the world. In a basic sense, this new and easy way of creating light meant that it was now much easier to perform tasks after dark. As a result of the light bulb, businesses could stay open later. Homes and streets were now better lit for nighttime activity. It also made things safer, as the gaslights that were used before light bulbs could be very dangerous.

1

TEXT STRUCTURE

Cause and Effect

The animal kingdom can be a dangerous place. Bigger animals hunt smaller animals for food. This is a huge problem for the smaller animals. To solve this problem, the prey need to develop ways to outsmart their predators. One amazing defense mechanism that some lizards developed is called autonomy. When attacked, certain lizards can actually detach their tails from their bodies. The tail keeps wagging for several minutes or more, distracting the predator. Meanwhile, the lizard scurries off to safety, solving the lizard's immediate problem.

2

TEXT STRUCTURE

Problem and Solution

A butterfly's life cycle comes in four stages. First, a butterfly lays its eggs, which take only about five days to hatch. In stage two, a caterpillar emerges from the egg and starts eating everything in sight. When the caterpillar is done growing, it enters stage three and begins making a protective shell called a chrysalis. Inside the chrysalis, the caterpillar turns into a butterfly. In stage four, the chrysalis opens to reveal a beautiful butterfly. Eventually, it lays eggs, and the cycle begins again.

3

TEXT STRUCTURE

Chronological Order

Chefs are hard at work in the kitchen of Village Pizza. One man sings an opera song in Italian as he flings dough in the air again and again. Flour sprinkles about the room like snow flurries as the dough stretches wider and wider with each nimble toss. You can hear a sizzle from the grill. Suddenly, the sweet smell of green peppers fills the room. The restaurant is not busy, but your senses certainly are.

4

TEXT STRUCTURE

Description

Biking and running are two of the best kinds of exercise. Both are full of health benefits, including keeping your heart healthy and lowering stress. In addition, both are convenient. Often, you can just step out your front door and get going all by yourself. Biking does require a bike, of course, which can get expensive, while running just requires sturdy shoes. Biking, on the other hand, is easier on your body since your joints aren't pounding into the ground with each step.

5

TEXT STRUCTURE

Compare and Contrast

A text written in this text structure explains a topic, idea, person, place, or object by listing characteristics, features, and examples that describe it.

6

TEXT STRUCTURE

Description

A text written in this text structure describes an event in the order the events occurred. It may also describe how to do something in ordered steps.

7

TEXT STRUCTURE Chronological Order

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TEXT STRUCTURE **Cause and Effect**

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TEXT STRUCTURE **Compare and Contrast**

Recording Sheet

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Answer Key

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Use these printables to have students track the text structures in texts they read.



*Print as many copies of the second page of the booklet as needed.



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Text Structure

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