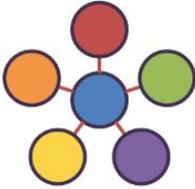
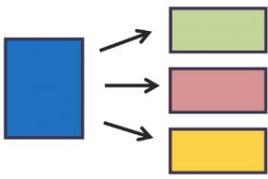
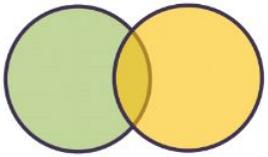


Informational Text Structure

Text Structure	Description	Signal Words	Signal Questions
<p style="text-align: center;">Description</p> 	<p>A topic, idea, person, place, or thing is described by listing its features, characteristics, or examples.</p>	<p>for example, for instance, characteristics include, specifically, in addition</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What specific topic, person, idea, or thing is being described? • How is it being described (what does it look like, how does it work, what does it do, etc...)? • What is important to remember about it?
<p style="text-align: center;">Sequence</p> 	<p>Describes items or events in order or tells the steps to follow to do something or make something.</p>	<p>before, in the beginning, to start, after, then, last, in the middle, in the end, first, second, third, next during and finally</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What items, events, or steps are listed? • Do they have to happen in this order? • Do they always happen in this order?
<p style="text-align: center;">Cause & Effect</p> 	<p>Cause is why something happened. Effect is what happened. Sometimes the effect is listed first.</p>	<p>because, as a result, since, for this reason, in order to, if...then, if, due to, so, leads to, consequently, therefore</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What happened? • Why did it happen? • What caused it to happen?
<p style="text-align: center;">Problem Solution</p> 	<p>Tells about a problem (and sometimes says why there is a problem) then gives one or more possible solutions.</p>	<p>problem, issue, cause, therefore, because of, due to, solve, so, then, since, therefore, consequently, as a result, cause, solve and resolve</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the problem? • Why is this a problem? • Is anything being done to try to solve the problem? • What can be done to solve the problem?
<p style="text-align: center;">Compare & Contrast</p> 	<p>Shows how two or more things are alike and/or how they are different.</p>	<p>similar, similarly, alike same, just like, both, different, unlike, in contrast, on the other hand, compared with, different from</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What things are being compared? • In what ways are they alike? • In what ways are they different?