

## Informational Text

**informational text** = writing that tells facts, information

All informational text gives the reader information. However, authors can organize the writing in many different ways.

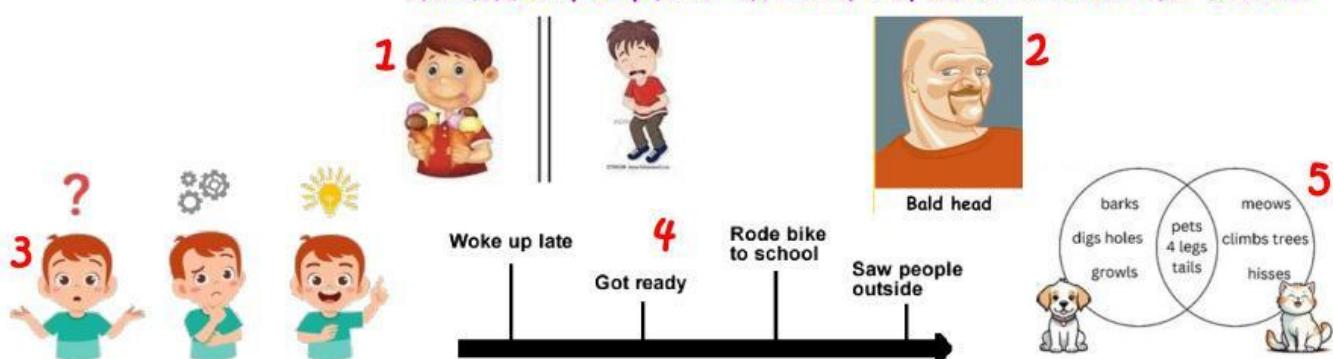
**Problem and Solution**— the author describes a problem then suggests solutions (ways to **FIX** the **PROBLEM**.) For example, someone wants to lose weight (the problem.) The author suggests they get more exercise, and eat less junk food (the solution.)

**Compare and Contrast**— the author tells how two things or people are the **SAME** (compares) and **DIFFERENT** (contrast.) For example, The author tells how Messi and Ronaldo are the same and different.

**Description**— the author tells about someone or something using **MANY FACTS**. For example, he informs the reader of Ronaldo's age, picture # \_\_\_ team, how many goals he has scored, etc.

**Cause and Effect**— the author explains **WHY** something happened. For example, s/he shows how cigarette smoking destroys a person's lungs. (A person has lung cancer. The cause is the cigarette smoking.)

**Chronological Order**— the author tells what happened (events) in order by **TIME**. For example, first Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a bus. Then she was rested. Next, all the black people in the city refused to ride the buses.



## Match the Text to its Text Structure

It was a great class, full of useful information. Every day they learned a new word. They did lots of hands-on activities.

compare and contrast

Bob pulled and pulled on the door. No matter how hard he tried, he couldn't open it. Finally, he went and got the key.

description

Allison was very disappointed. It had rained hard during the night. Now her softball game was canceled.

cause and effect

problem and solution

Alex decided to plant a garden. First, he planted the seeds. Then he water the plants every day. Finally, he started to see some tomatoes!

chronological order

Katie couldn't decide where to go to college. Both schools had the courses she liked. Both school had beautiful campuses. However, one of the schools was much more expensive than the other.

Write a compare and contrast paragraph about you and your best friend. Write at least 6 sentences.

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