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Text Structure

Task Cards

sequence

problem and
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comparison

cause and
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question
and answer

description

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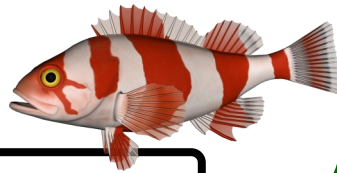
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A text containing words like first, next, after, and following is which type of text structure?

- A. problem/solution**
- B. sequence/chronological order**
- C. comparison**



Text Structure Task Card #1

We commonly give the term “peacock” to a bird which is a member of the pheasant family. Actually, the male bird is called a peacock, while the female bird is called a peahen. Both are from the peafowl family. The male is known for having a crest on its head as well as an amazing colorful train. It will strut with its train out to attract a female. Females are usually brown with a white belly and a green neck so that they are more easily camouflaged to raise their young.

What is the text structure for the above text?

- A. sequence/chronological order
- B. problem/solution
- C. comparison



Text Structure Task Card #2

Rachel found a wasp nest on her back porch. When she went inside to find some wasp spray, she found that she was out. She put “wasp spray “ on her mother’s grocery list.

What is the text structure for the above text?

- A. description
- B. problem/solution
- C. compare/contrast



Text Structure Task Card #3

A grizzly bear is one of the largest land based predators. It is easily identified by a distinctive hump on its shoulders. It has short rounded ears and a dish shaped face. It has long claws which can be 2—4 inches in length. Its fur can range in color, but the tips of the fur are generally lighter in color.

What is the text structure for the above text?

- A. description
- B. problem/solution
- C. compare/contrast



Text Structure Task Card #4

"To solve the mystery of the disappearing turtles, Fred and the gang will look for clues and then examine the evidence."

Which text structure would the text above most likely be found?

- A. problem/solution
- B. description
- C. comparison



Text Structure Task Card #5

What was the longest recorded alligator on record? The longest alligator on record was found in Louisiana in the early 1900s. It was 19 feet 2 inches long.



What is the text structure for the above text?

- A. question and answer
- B. problem/solution
- C. compare/contrast

Text Structure Task Card #6

Before the 1800s, it is estimated that over 100 million bison (buffalo) roamed the American plains. Due to overhunting in the 1800s for their hides and meat, the American bison almost became extinct. There numbers by the 19th century were estimated to be only a few hundred.

What is the text structure for the above text?

- A. description
- B. cause/effect
- C. compare/contrast

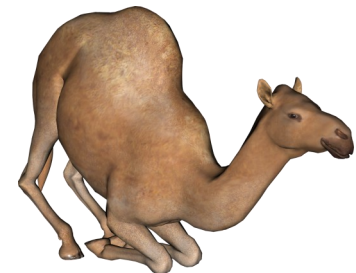


Text Structure Task Card #7

If you travel to Somalia, which has the largest camel herd the world, then you may see a camel.

What is the text structure for the above text?

- A. compare/contrast
- B. description
- C. cause/effect

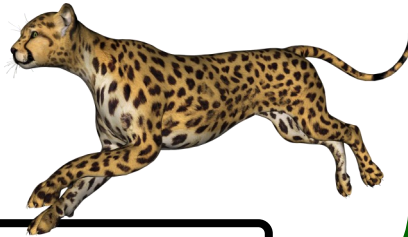


Text Structure Task Card #8

First the cheetah lays waiting in the tall brush. Next, the cheetah sees his prey. The gazelle doesn't see the cheetah. Suddenly, the cheetah springs into action. He catches his prey. Finally, the big cat drags his catch off to a secluded spot.

Which describes the text structure for the above text?

- A. compare/contrast
- B. sequence
- C. problem/solution



Text Structure Task Card #9

What is the tallest mammal in the world? A giraffe is the tallest mammal in the world. Giraffes can have newborns which are bigger than humans.

Which BEST describes the text structure of the above text?

- A. description
- B. comparison
- C. question and answer



Text Structure Task Card #10



Lions can run at speeds up to 50 miles per hour due to their powerful legs.

Which BEST describes the text structure of the above text?

- A. cause/effect
- B. problem/solution
- C. description

Text Structure Task Card #11

Meercats are small mammals belonging to the mongoose family. It has a long slender body and limbs. It has a long skinny tail that is not bushy. It has black patches on its eyes.

Which BEST describes the text structure of the above text?

- A. cause/effect
- B. problem/solution
- C. description



Text Structure Task Card 12

Apes and monkeys are both mammals. An ape has a larger body and arms that are longer than its legs, while a monkey has a smaller body. The monkey's arms are the same length or shorter than its legs.



Which BEST describes the text structure of the above text?

- A. description
- B. comparison
- C. question and answer

Text Structure Task Card #13

How does an octopus get away from predators? Octopi are able to expel ink in order to get away. Most also have camouflaging capabilities.

Which BEST describes the text structure of the above text?

- A. description
- B. comparison
- C. question and answer



Text Structure Task Card #14

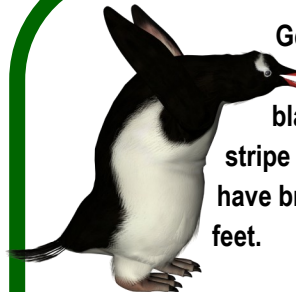


The number of black panthers in the wild have decreased significantly for a number of reasons. Deforestation forces the creatures to find new areas to inhabit and hunt within. Panthers are often hunted by humans because the animal preys on their livestock. A number of countries have recently adopted "protection policies" in order to help the panther species survive.

What is the text structure for the above text?

- A. sequence/chronological order
- B. problem/solution
- C. comparison

Text Structure Task Card #15



Gentoo penguins are flightless birds that inhabit the Arctic regions. They can be identified by their black and white bodies along with the wide white stripe extending across their head from eye to eye. They have bright orangish-red beaks and peach colored webbed feet.

Which BEST describes the text structure of the above text?

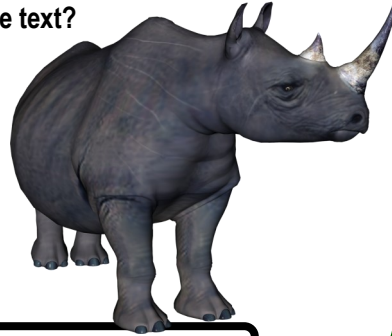
- A. description
- B. cause/effect
- C. sequence

Text Structure Task Card 16

Rhinos and elephants are both mammals. These herbivores can be found in parts of Africa and Asia. Elephants tend to live in herds as opposed to rhinos which often lead solitary lives. Rhinos are known for their horns, however, elephants are known for their long trunks.

What is the text structure for the above text?

- A. compare/contrast
- B. description
- C. cause/effect



Text Structure Task Card #17

Tuesday Zane went to the zoo. First, he went to see the elephants. Then, he saw the monkeys. He saw many other animals before he hopped on the train ride. After lunch, Zane grew tired and his mother took him home.

Which describes the text structure for the above text?

- A. compare/contrast
- B. sequence
- C. problem/solution



Text Structure Task Card #18

Tigers in India are threatened.

Conservationists are attempting to help the survival rate of these amazing animals. Some villages have been moved to minimize contact with

people. Tiger reserves have also been set up to cut down on poaching.

Which describes the text structure for the above text?

- A. sequence/chronological order
- B. problem/solution
- C. comparison



Text Structure Task Card #19

Texts that contain events that flow in a logical order or texts that have steps to be taken for a process would come from which text structure?

- A. problem/solution
- B. description
- C. sequence



Text Structure Task Card 20



What is the tallest land animal? Why the giraffe of course! An adult male giraffe will grow to about 17 feet tall. The tallest giraffe on record was 19 feet tall! Now that is amazing!

Which BEST describes the text structure for the above text?

- A. description
- B. cause/effect
- C. question and answer

Text Structure Task Card #21

Each year from May to October loggerhead turtles return to Florida's beaches to lay eggs. First, the mother turtle finds a quiet spot on the sandy beach. Then, she digs a hole with her back flippers. Afterwards, she lays her eggs and covers them with sand to keep them warm and protect them from predators. Finally, she leaves the nest and heads back to the ocean.

Which BEST describes the text structure for the above text?

- A. sequence
- B. comparison
- C. problem/solution



Text Structure Task Card #22

Dolphins and porpoises are highly intelligent marine mammals. They are similar in that they both use sonar (sound waves) to navigate the seas. Dolphins tend to have elongated beaks with cone shaped teeth while porpoises have smaller mouths with flat spade shaped teeth. Their fins are also different. A dolphin has a curved dorsal fin, although a porpoise has a triangular dorsal fin shaped somewhat like a sharks.

Which BEST describes the text structure for the above text?

- A. question and answer
- B. comparison
- C. sequence



Text Structure Task Card #23

Flies are a huge problem during summers in the south. One unusual remedy for keeping flies out of your house is to stick a Ziplock bag of water to your doors. Flies have many eyes. This is said to confuse the flies and they go away.

Which BEST describes the text structure for the above text?

- A. cause/effect
- B. problem/solution
- C. sequence



Text Structure Task Card #24

Thor is a 4 year old bull. He has long grey horns and brownish grey fur. He likes to roam the pasture and hates being placed in his pen.

Which BEST describes the text structure for the above text?

- A. description
- B. question and answer
- C. problem/solution



Text Structure Task Card #25

In order to cool off from the summer heat, some cows will find shade. Others may wade into a nearby stream or pond.

Which BEST describes the text structure for the above text?

- A. comparison
- B. sequence
- C. cause/effect

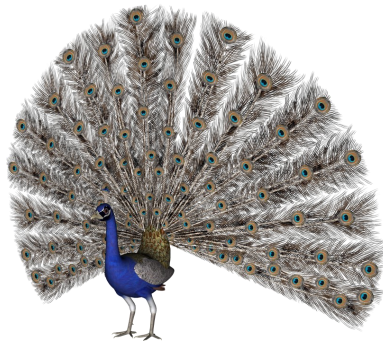


Text Structure Task Card #26

If a peacock is interested in a peahen, then he will fan his extravagant tail for her to see.

Which BEST describes the text structure for the above text?

- A. cause/effect
- B. Comparison
- C. description



Text Structure Task Card #27

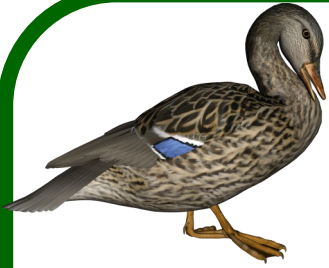
Horses and donkeys look fairly alike, but there are some unique differences. Donkeys tend to have larger ears and smaller hooves than horses. Horses tend to have longer faces. While both donkeys and horses have manes and tails, they are very different to the touch. A donkey's main and tail is stiff and bristly compared to that of a horse.

Which BEST describes the text structure for the above text?

- A. problem/solution
- B. comparison
- C. sequence



Text Structure Task Card 28



If you see ducks flying south early, then it may be due to the unseasonably cold weather we are having up north.

Which BEST describes the text structure for the above text?

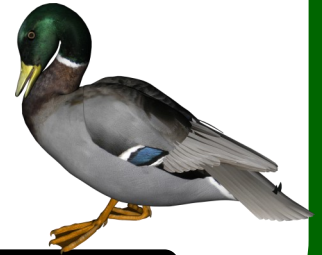
- A. problem/solution
- B. question/answers
- C. cause/effect

Text Structure Task Card #29

Male mallard ducks have a green head with a white collar around their necks. They have an orangish-yellow beak. Their bodies are grayish-brown. The mallard has a wide purplish-blue stripe on its wings which are outlined in white. It has webbed feet which help it to paddle through water.

Which BEST describes the text structure for the above text?

- A. description
- B. sequence
- C. problem/solution



Text Structure Task Card #30

Do you know what a group of goats is called?
The proper name for a group of goats is a trip.

Which BEST describes the text structure for the above text?

- A. question/answer
- B. problem/solution
- C. compare/contrast

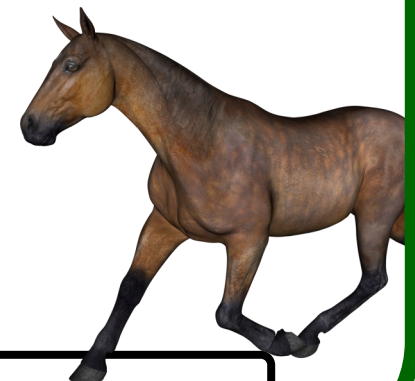


Text Structure Task Card #31

Sugarfoot is my new pony. Daddy got him for me for Christmas. He is brown all over with a black muzzle. His mane and tail are black. I like to brush him after I get through riding him. He likes me feeding him carrots from my hand.

Which BEST describes the text structure for the above text?

- A. cause/effect
- B. description
- C. sequence



Text Structure Task Card 32

The dodo no longer exists on our planet. It along with many other species are extinct while other animals are endangered of becoming extinct. One solution is to educate the public. It is our responsibility to protect endangered species and their habitats.



Which BEST describes the text structure for the text above?

- A. cause/effect
- B. problem/solution
- C. description

Text Structure Task Card #33

Dodos were discovered by the Dutch on the island of Mauritius in the late 1500s. The sailors found that the birds were easy to catch and good to eat. This led to a sharp decrease in the dodo population. Consequently the last dodo was seen on the island in 1681.



Which BEST describes the text structure for the text above?

- A. comparison
- B. question/answer
- C. cause/effect

Text Structure Task Card #34

Did you know that the extinction of the dodo also led to the extinction of a plant species? The calvaria tree was dependent on the dodo to help spread its seeds. The dodo would eat the fruit from the tree and poop out the seeds. With no dodos around to spread the seeds around, the calvaria tree also became extinct.



Which BEST describes the text structure of the text above?

- A. comparison
- B. problem/solution
- C. question/answer

Text Structure Task Card #35

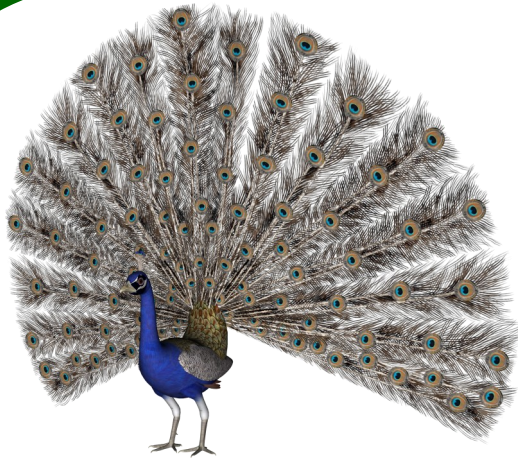
The dodo and the Kangaroo Island Emu are both extinct. There are many similarities between the two birds. Both were found on islands. They both were last seen in the 1800s. Extinction is thought to be the result of over hunting.

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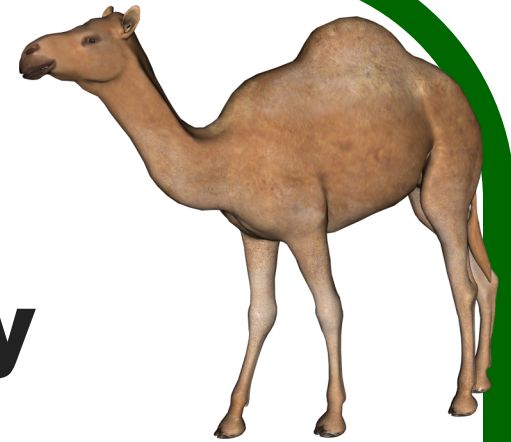
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- B. comparison
- C. problem/solution



Text Structure Task Card #36



Answer Key



1. B

2. C

3. B

4. A

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6. A

7. B

8. C

9. B

10. C

11. A

12. C

13. B

14. C

15. B

16. A

17. A

18. B

19. B

20. C

21. C

22. A

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25. A

26. C

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28. B

29. C

30. A

31. A

32. B

33. B

34. C

35. C

36. B

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| 2. C | 11. A | 20. C | 29. C |
| 3. B | 12. C | 21. C | 30. A |
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| 5. A | 14. C | 23. B | 32. B |
| 6. A | 15. B | 24. B | 33. B |
| 7. B | 16. A | 25. A | 34. C |
| 8. C | 17. A | 26. C | 35. C |
| 9. B | 18. B | 27. A | 36. B |

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