**Informational Text Structures**

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| **Signal Words:**
  such as, for instance, in addition, also, specifically
  Tips:
  Ask yourself: what specific person, place, thing, or idea is being described?
  Look for a topic word or phrase and for synonyms.
| **Signal Words:**
  problem, issue, since, as a result, solution, idea, so, leads to, causes
  Tips:
  Ask yourself: what is the problem and what is the solution?
  Look for the problem first and then the solution.
| **Signal Words:**
  similar, same, alike, both, as well as, unlike, as opposed to, on the other hand, in contrast, instead
  Tips:
  Ask yourself: what is being compared?
  How are they the same? How are they different?
| **Signal Words:**
  since, because, if, due to, as a result of, causes, leads to, consequently, then, therefore
  Tips:
  Ask yourself: what happened and why did it happen?
  Remember, you are looking for a cause, not a solution.
| **Signal Words:**
  first, second, third, then, next, before, after, after, finally, following
  Tips:
  Ask yourself: Is this event taking place over time?
  Look for steps or references to time such as dates. |