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| Cause and Effect**Cause is why something happened. Effect is what happened. (Sometimes the effect is listed first.)** |  | Signal QuestionsWhat happened?Why did it happen?What caused it to happen?Signal Wordsso because since thereforeif…then this led to reason whyas a result may be due to effect of consequentlyfor this reason |
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| Compare and Contrast**Shows how two or more things are alike and/or how they are different.** |  | Signal QuestionsWhat things are being compared?In what ways are they alike?In what ways are they different?Signal Wordssame as similar alike as well asnot only…but also both instead ofeither…or on the other hand different from as opposed to |
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| Sequence**Describes items or events in order or tells the steps to follow to do something or make something.** |  | Signal QuestionsWhat items, events, or steps are listed?Do they have to happen in this order?Do they always happen in this order?Signal Wordsfirst second next then beforeafter finally followingnot long after now soon |
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| Problem and Solution**Tells about a problem (and sometimes says why there is a problem) then gives one or more possible solutions.** |  | Signal QuestionsWhat 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?Signal Wordsquestion is… dilemma is…the puzzle is… to solve this…one answer is… one reason for the… |
| Description**A topic, idea, person, place, or thing is described by listing its features, characteristics, or examples.** |  | Signal QuestionsWhat 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?Signal Wordsfor instance such as… to begin withan example to illustrate characteristics |