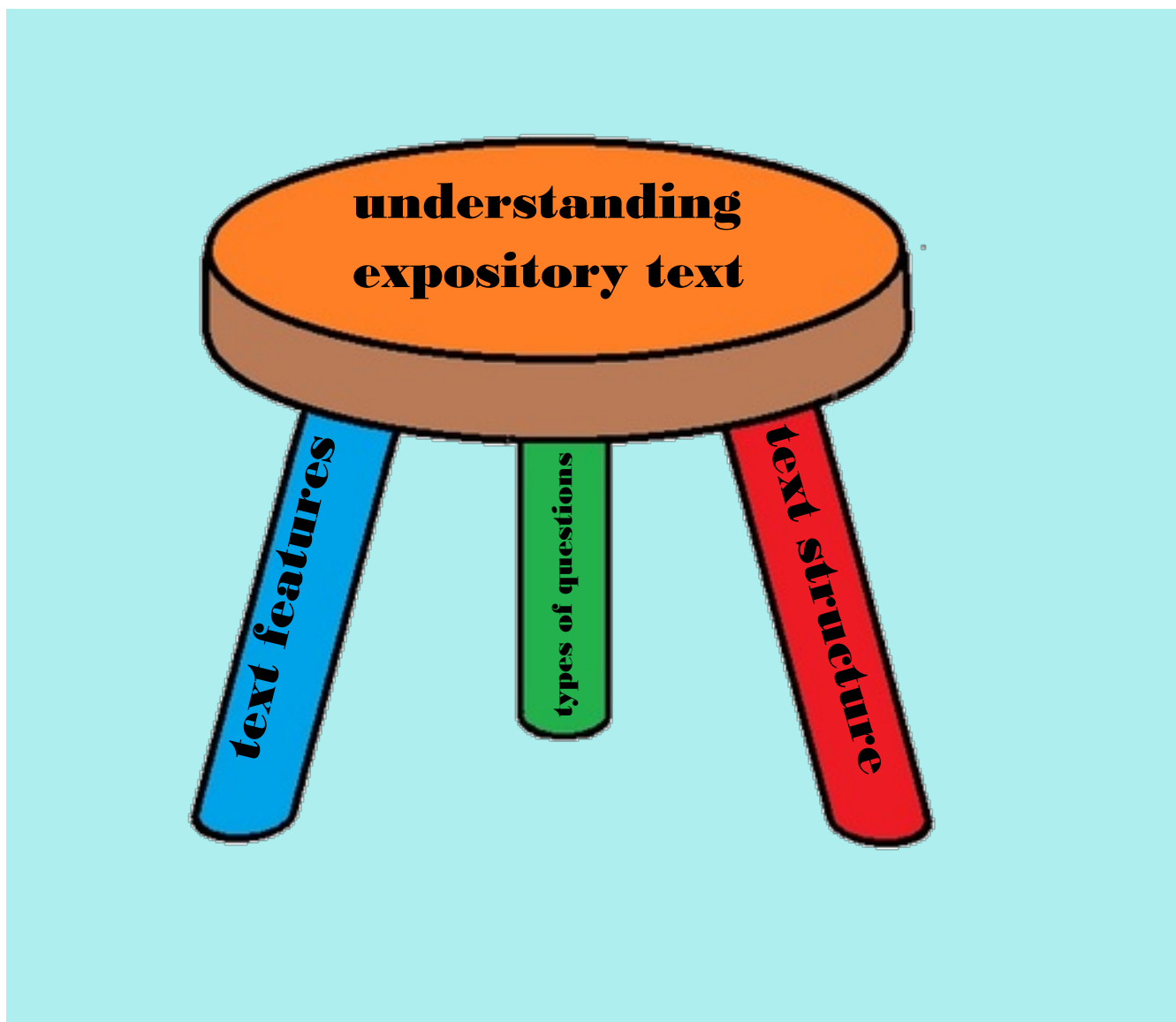


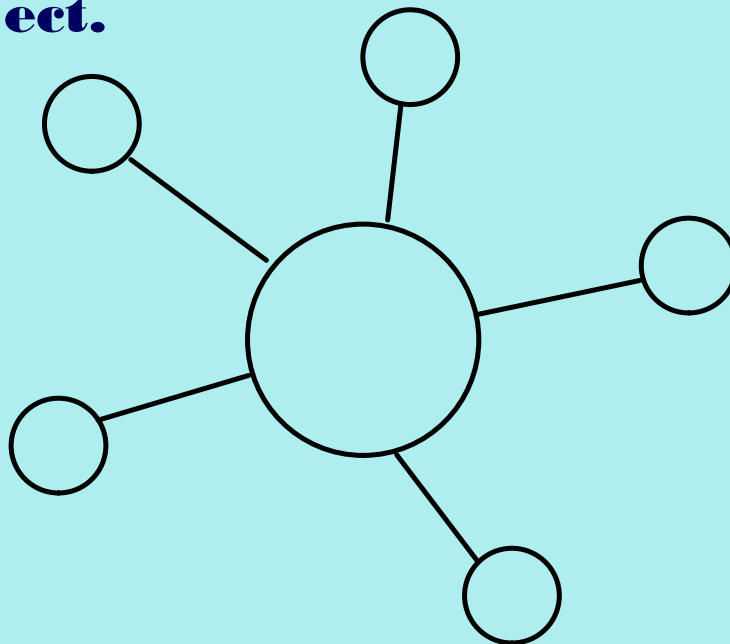
Text Structure:

How the author organizes the information

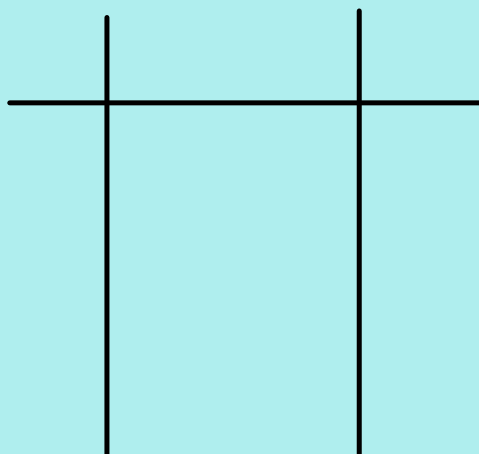
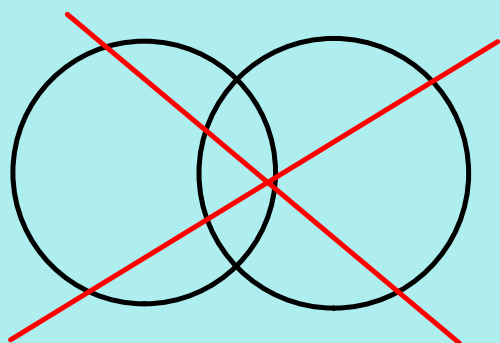




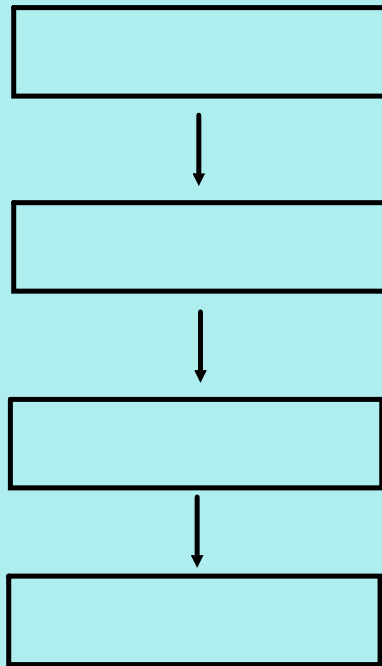
Descriptive: giving details about a subject.



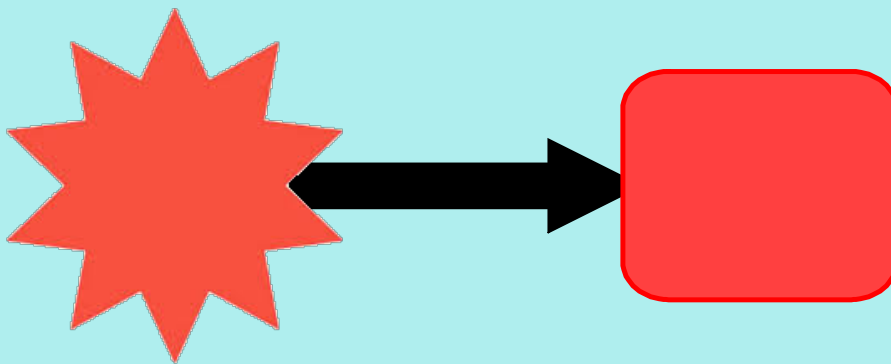
Compare/contrast: describes how two or more things are alike and different



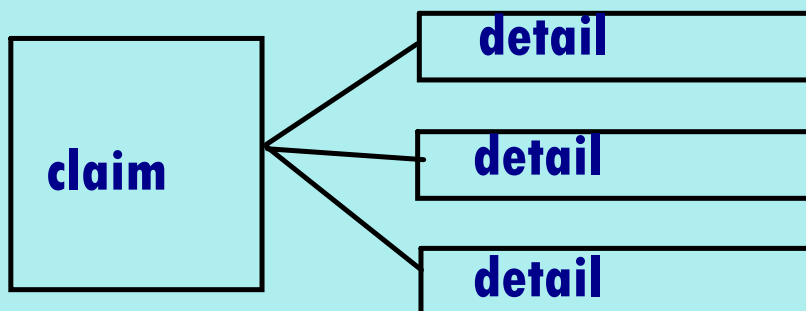
Sequential: describes events that need to come in order to be able to work



Cause and Effect: explaining how one thing creates the next thing



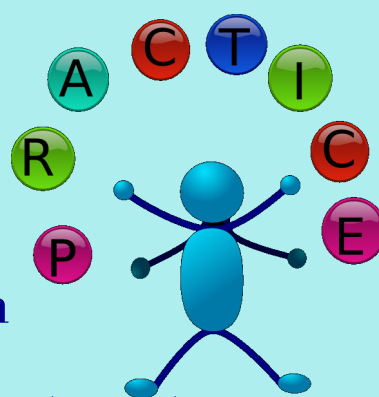
Argument: a claim that is supported by details



Chronological: an author relates events in the order that they happened



Now comes the practice:



- 1. read each selection**
- 2. determine the text structure**
- 3. write it down in your notes**

#1 Deviled Eggs

Pop out (remove) the egg yolks to a small bowl and mash with a fork. Add mayonnaise, mustard powder, vinegar, salt, and pepper, and mix thoroughly. Fill the empty white egg shells with the mixture and sprinkle lightly with paprika. Cover lightly and refrigerate for up to one day before serving.

Sequential:

**Pop out the egg yolk and
mash with a fork**

**Add mayo, mustard powder,
vinegar, salt and pepper and
mix.**

Fill the empty egg shells.

Sprinkle with paprika.

Cover and refrigerate.

#2 Sports at Ericson

There are two popular sports played at Ericson, basketball and volleyball. Both take place inside of the gym at Ericson. Also, each sport has two teams of people. In basketball, however, the ball can be played off of the floor, and in volleyball, the ball cannot touch the floor or it is out of play. Basketball and volleyball are popular sports at Ericson.

compare/contrast**basketball****Compare****volleyball****ball can
touch the
floor****popular
played in gym
two teams****ball cannot
touch the
floor**

#3 The Lazy Student

When Tim work up on the first day of school, he didn't want to go to school. His mom took him anyway. So he went to school but he didn't do his work. The days passed, and Tim still didn't do any work. Mr. Morton called Tim's mom, but Tim still wouldn't do any work. Finally the report cards came out, and Tim failed his classes. Tim was shocked. He had gone to school every day!

sequential

Tim did not want to go on the first day.

Tim's mom made him go.

Tim did no work.

Tim continued to do no work.

Mr. Morton called home.

Tim continued to do no work.

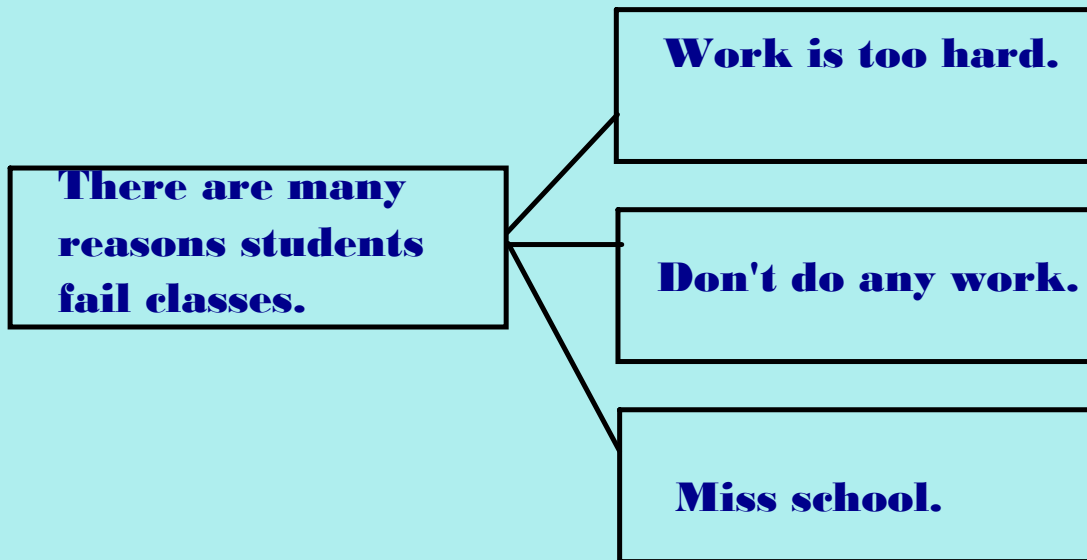
Tim failed his classes.

Tim was shocked.

#4 Failing Classes

There are many reasons students fail classes. Some students fail because the work is too hard for them. Other times they fail because they are lazy and don't do any work. Another reason why students may fail is that they don't go to school. If a student is not in class, he or she may miss a lot. Many students fail classes every quarter.

argument

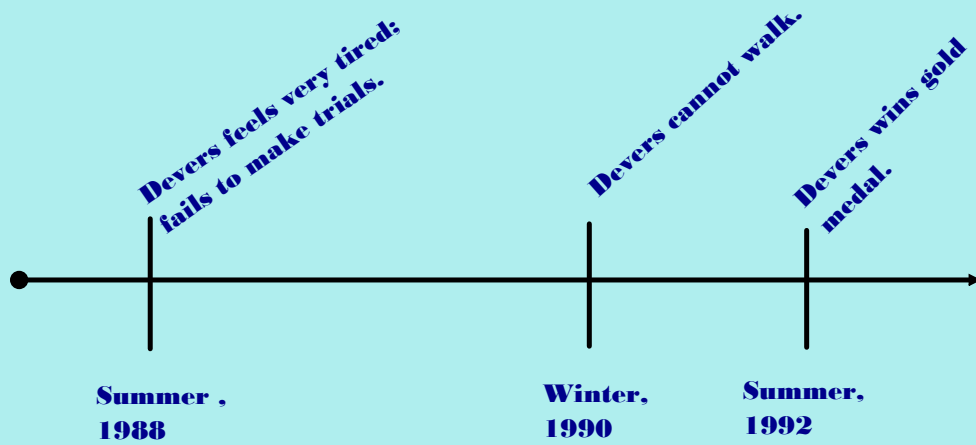


#5**Gail Devers**

Gail Devers experienced the highlight of any sprinter's career as she stood on the huge platform in the giant stadium and received an Olympic gold medal. Eighteen months earlier she wasn't thinking about running; she was hoping that she would be able to walk again.

Just four years earlier, in the summer of 1988, as Devers was training for the Olympic Games, she began to feel very tired all the time and failed to make the Olympic finals.

Chronological



#6**Fewer Toads**

Though toads are still around, they are no longer as common in some areas as they were a few decades ago. The growing use of insecticides has reduced their numbers. The chemical sprays usually do not harm toads, but cut down the animals' food supply. Thereby, the toads do not have enough food to survive.

Cause and effect

