

TEXT STRUCTURE NONFICTION

task cards

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30 Nonfiction Text Structure

Butterflies go through a complete metamorphosis. Their life cycle has four stages: egg, larva, chrysalis, and adult. Depending on the kind of butterfly, the life cycle can take anywhere from a month to a year!



How do you understand the information in the text? How does the author change the information visually?

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Text Structure



1 Nonfiction Text Structure

Over 2,500 species of palms exist today. Palms are plants that grow in warm climates and can take the form of a tree, shrub, or vine. Leaves on palms, called **fronds**, can be shaped like feathers or fans. Palms bear fruit, but that fruit can vary greatly. Some fruits from palms such as dates are soft, while others such as coconuts have a hard outer shell. Some palms can live for more than a century. People use palms for a variety of purposes such as for food, fuel, and in medicine.

* Nonfiction Text Structure Challenge

Sort the passage cards into the type of text structure the author uses:

- Sequential order
- Chronological order
- Problem and solution
- Description

25 Nonfiction Text Structure

The American Revolution gained the colonists their freedom in the late 1700s. Many events led up to this war for independence.

Year	Event
1765	Britain passes the Stamp Act, which taxes paper products.
1768	British troops land in the colonies to enforce the Townshend Act, which includes more taxes.
1770	The Boston Massacre between British soldiers and a mob of colonists leaves 5 people dead.
1773	The Boston Tea Party occurs where colonists board British ships and dump tea into Boston Harbor in an act of protest.
1774	Britain passes the Intolerable Acts to punish the colonists. They close the port of Boston and British troops in colonial homes.
1775	The first shots of war are fired at Lexington and Concord, Massachusetts.

Why did the author create this timeline table for this information?

- a. To present the information in a chronological order.

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Ways to Use Task Cards

1. **Centers**
2. **Scoot:** Pass out one card for each student. Set a timer and say, "Scoot!" when the timer goes off. Students move seats to the next card. They continue to rotate until they are back at their original seats.
3. **Scavenger Hunt:** Hide cards around the room. Students search for cards and answer them.
4. **Jenga:** Number Jenga blocks. Students stack the blocks then take turns pulling them. Students answer the corresponding number card.
5. **Whole-Class Practice:** Teacher displays card on the projector. Students answer on mini whiteboards.
6. **Exit Tickets:** Give each student a task card at the end of the lesson. Have them answer on a sticky note.

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What text structure is used to present this text?

- a. Problem and solution
- b. Description
- c. Cause and effect
- d. Sequential order

2

Nonfiction Text Structure

The small creature scampers by. He has short legs, sharp claws, and dark, beady eyes. But his most noticeable feature is his bushy tail, nearly the same length as his body. What is it? It's a squirrel!

Squirrels live almost everywhere. They can live in nearly any climate and often make their homes in trees or in burrows in the ground.

These small rodents eat pinecones and nuts with their strong front teeth. They also sometimes eat bugs and berries. Sometimes they carry food in their cheek pouches.

Which text feature organizes the text?

- a. Bolded words
- b. Section headings
- c. Vocabulary
- d. Paragraphs

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Nonfiction Text Structure

A career in hair styling can be very rewarding. In order to become a hair stylist, you first need a high school diploma or the equivalent. Next, you need to attend a **cosmetology** program to learn about skin care, makeup, and nails along with hair design. Then you have to spend a specific number of hours gaining hands-on practice in hair styling. Many times people do an **internship** at a licensed salon. The next step is to pass a licensing exam. This will allow you to get certified. You will need to continue to take classes on new techniques to maintain your license. Finally, you can officially be a hair stylist and help your clients look their best.

What clues show this text is written in a sequential order structure?

- a. It has bold words.
- b. It is written in paragraphs.
- c. It uses the words first, next, then, and finally.
- d. It includes dates.

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Nonfiction Text Structure

In Egypt, you can find unique buildings called pyramids. Like their name suggests, the pyramids are shaped like giant 3-D triangles.

Though they are ancient, many still survive today. Pyramids were built as burial places for the pharaohs who ruled Egypt. Pharaohs were buried deep in the pyramids with treasure to help them survive the afterlife. One of the most famous, the Great Pyramid of Giza, is huge. It was once over 480 feet tall and is one of the Seven Wonders of the World because of its size. It's still a mystery how people were able to build these ginormous pyramids!

What is the text structure of this paragraph?

- a. Description
- b. Sequence
- c. Problem and Solution
- d. Fact and Opinion

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