

Text Structure Levels Answer Key

Passage 1 - Cause/Effect

- Signal phrase: "as a result." Explains why electricity was lost.

Passage 2 - Compare/Contrast

- Words: "while," "both," "but." Shows similarities and differences.

Passage 3 - Chronological

- Words: "first, next, finally." Events in time order.

Passage 4 - Problem/Solution

- Problem: broken park features. Solution: mayor's clean-up plan.

Passage 5 - Description

- Uses vivid details, examples, and imagery (monkeys, parrots, jaguars) to paint a picture.

Teacher Notes

- Complexity increases from **short cause/effect** → **longer descriptive passage**.
- Students should justify answers by underlining **signal words** or structural patterns.
- Great for **differentiation**: struggling students can attempt first 3 passages, advanced students can tackle all 5.