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Structure Detectives Answer Key

Passage 1 - Chronological

Steps are told in order using sequencing words (first, next, then, finally).

Passage 2 - Cause/Effect

Reason (tripping on the wet sidewalk) leads to a result (scraped knee, sitting out).

Passage 3 - Description

Provides sensory details about the rainforest without events or causes.

Passage 4 - Problem/Solution

Problem = unsafe equipment; Solution = fundraising and new equipment.

Passage 5 - Compare/Contrast

Shows similarities (both large cats) and differences (speed vs. teamwork).

Teacher Notes

- Encourage students to underline **signal words** like “because,” “first,” “finally,” “both,” and “but.” These often hint at the structure.
- This worksheet works well in **partner or group work**; students can debate answers before finalizing.