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Structure Sleuth

Directions: Read each nonfiction paragraph. Identify its organizational structure (sequence, compare and contrast, cause and effect, problem and solution) and explain why.

1. First, engineers design a roller coaster using computer models. Next, builders construct the steel frame and install the track. Then safety systems are added and tested again and again. Finally, the ride opens to the public after passing inspections.

2. Solar energy and wind energy are both renewable power sources that do not create air pollution. Solar panels collect energy from sunlight, while wind turbines use moving air to generate electricity. Solar systems work best in sunny areas, but wind systems work best in open, windy regions. Both help reduce the use of fossil fuels.

3. Plastic trash often ends up in oceans, where animals can become trapped or poisoned. As more plastic collects, coral reefs become damaged and food chains are disrupted. These problems lead to fewer fish and unhealthy marine habitats. The increase in ocean plastic directly affects the survival of sea life.

4. Many school playgrounds become muddy and unsafe after heavy rain. To solve this problem, some schools replace grass with rubber safety surfaces. These surfaces drain water quickly and reduce injuries from falls. As a result, students can play safely even after storms.
