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## Structure Sleuth Answer Key

Paragraph 1: Sequence

The paragraph uses signal words like first, next, then, and finally.

Paragraph 2: Compare and Contrast

It explains how solar and wind energy are alike and different.

Paragraph 3: Cause and Effect

It shows how plastic trash causes harm to ocean life.

Paragraph 4: Problem and Solution

It presents unsafe playgrounds as a problem and rubber surfaces as the solution.

Equivalent correct explanations are acceptable.

### Teacher's Guide

- Review the four **organizational structures** before students begin reading.
- For differentiation, provide sentence frames such as "This paragraph is structured as \_\_\_ because \_\_\_."
- For engagement, let students work in pairs and defend their structure choices aloud.
- For support, highlight common **signal words** like first, because, unlike, and as a result.
- For extension, challenge students to write one short nonfiction paragraph for any structure not used in their strongest answer.