**Organizational Patterns of Expository Text**

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| Organizational Pattern | Characteristics | Key Words | Example from text |
| cause/effect | describes an event or action that is caused by or effects another event or action | *because, as a result, if this, due to, in effect, therefore, etc.* |  |
| Sequential order | ideas are presented in the order in which they occurred in time. | *first, next, then, finally,* etc. |  |
| Descriptive/ classification | presents ideas in smaller topics or parts that are based on shared or common characteristics. | *categories, groups, ways, elements, features, kinds, types, methods, for example, known, define as, for instance, specifically,* etc. |  |
| Order of Importance | presents information from the most important information to least important information or vice versa | *key, major, primary, finally, least, most, significant, chief,* etc. |  |
| Proposition-and-support | presents a proposition on a topic and supports with logical ideas relating to the proposition | *according to, in support, for example,* etc. |  |