

Chapter 27

STRUCTURE



STRUCTURE is the organization of a text—or how the pieces fit together. Some common structures in nonfiction are:

COMPARE AND CONTRAST STRUCTURE

analyzes what is similar
about two or more
things and also what is different.

CHRONOLOGICAL STRUCTURE

organizes events by when they happened.

PROCESS STRUCTURE

explains the series of actions of how they happen.

This structure often overlaps with chronological and cause and effect structures.

CAUSE AND EFFECT STRUCTURE

describes an action or event and its consequences.

PROBLEM AND SOLUTION STRUCTURE

explains a problem and offers a solution.

DESCRIPTION STRUCTURE

gives an account of something by offering the relevant details, characteristics, and information.

A piece of writing can blend or combine structures as well.