**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.

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.