# How Is This Text Built?

Spotting chronology, comparison, cause and effect





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# Today we will...

## WE ARE LEARNING TO

- Name 5 common text structures
- Describe how a text part is organized
- Use clue words to prove structure

## SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE

- ✓ I can name the structure of a short passage
- ✓ I can point to clue words that show it





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# Key words

### Structure

how an author puts ideas in order

### Chronology

events told in time order

### Comparison

shows how things are same or different

### Cause and effect

why something happened and what followed

### Problem and solution

something wrong and how it was fixed

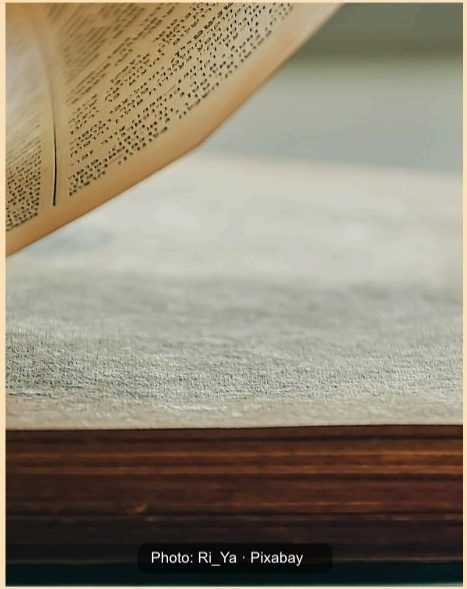


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DID YOU KNOW?

# Good readers use the author's plan to remember more.

Kids who follow the structure recall more of what they read.




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# Think, pair, share

A cookbook lists steps in order. What if it did not?



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# Watch: Five Structures in Action




▶ 0:00 – 5:00

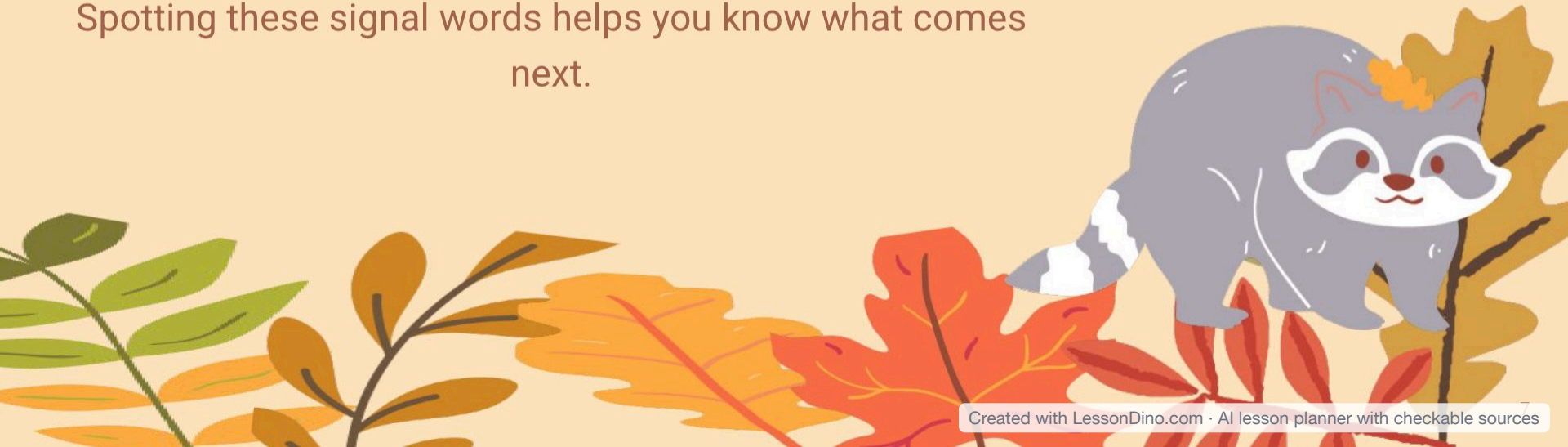
- Listen for the 5 patterns authors use
- Catch clue words like first, because, but

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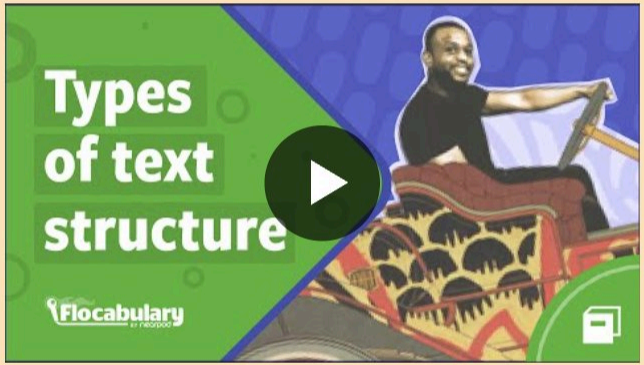
# Clue words like because, first, however show structure.

Spotting these signal words helps you know what comes next.



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# Watch: Rap the Structures




▶ 0:00 – 3:50

- Notice chronology, comparison, cause and effect
- Think which pattern fits each example

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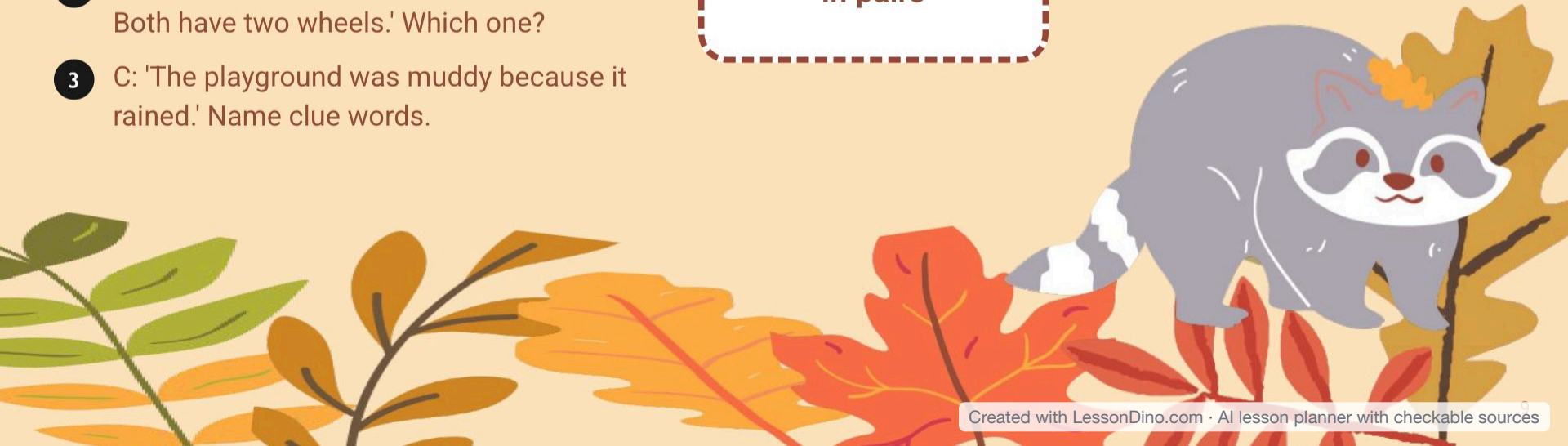
# Your task

## With a partner, match 3 short passages to their structure.

1. A: 'First, stir batter. Next, bake 20 minutes. Last, cool.' Which structure?
2. B: 'Bikes are fast, but scooters cost less. Both have two wheels.' Which one?
3. C: 'The playground was muddy because it rained.' Name clue words.

**10 min**

**In pairs**



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# Don't Mix These Up

## Cause and Effect

- Asks: What happened and why?
- Clue words: because, so, therefore
- Pattern: rain -> game stopped

## Problem and Solution

- Asks: What is wrong? How fixed?
- Clue words: problem, fix, solve
- Pattern: trash -> cleanup day





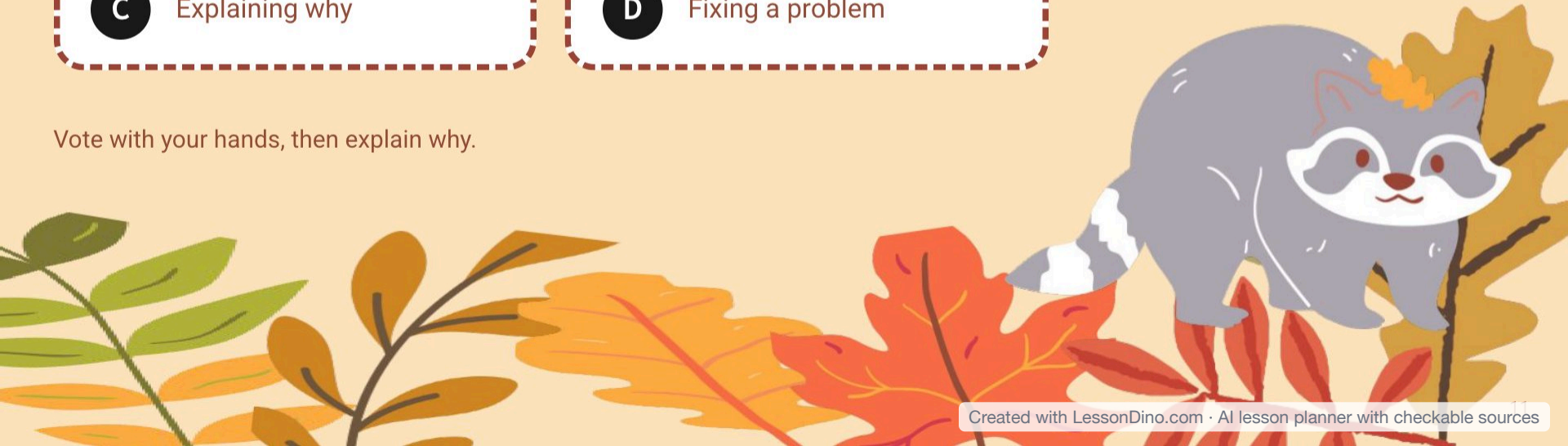
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# Your Pick

## Which structure do you use most when you write?

- **A** Steps in order
- **B** Comparing two things
- **C** Explaining why
- **D** Fixing a problem

Vote with your hands, then explain why.



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# Quick Quiz

1. 'First we packed. Next we hiked. Last we sang.' What structure?
2. 'Cats nap a lot, but dogs play more. Both are pets.' What structure?
3. 'It rained, so the field flooded.' What structure?
4. 'Lunch line was long. The problem was the wait, and the fix was to open a second line.' What structure?





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