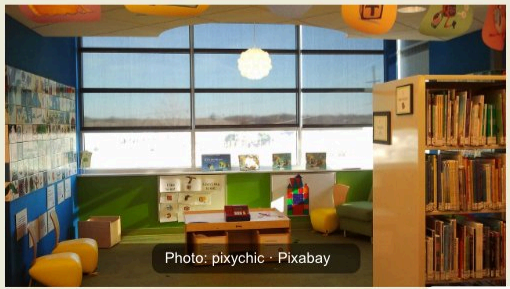
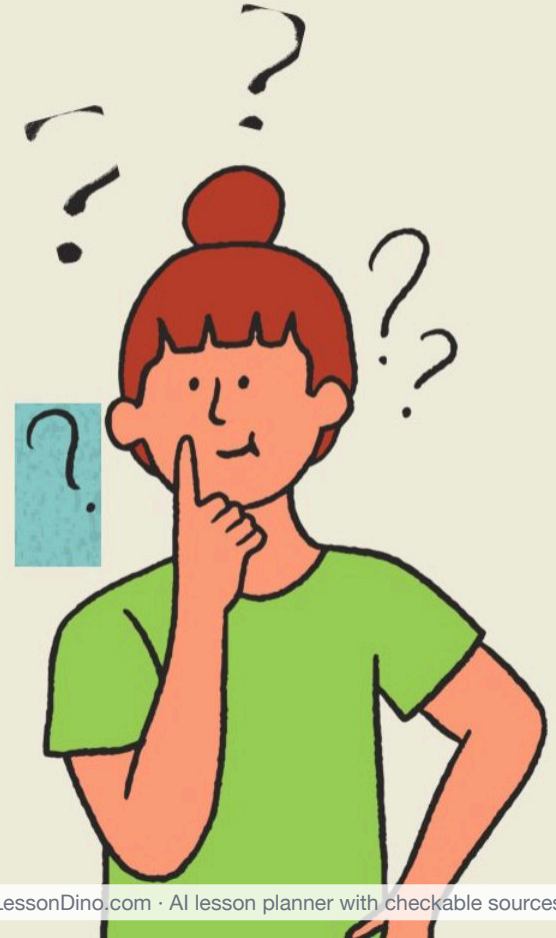
Same Topic, Different Shape

Comparing how two texts are built





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Think, pair, share

Two texts about bikes: one tells steps in time, one tells why bikes help. How are they different?

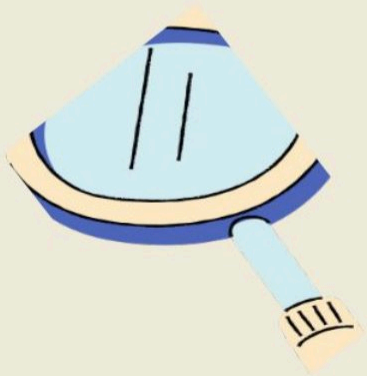




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How to Compare Structures

1. Read Text A. Ask: how is it built?
2. Read Text B. Look for signal words
3. Name each shape out loud
4. Say same topic, different build



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Four Shapes Texts Use

Text Structures

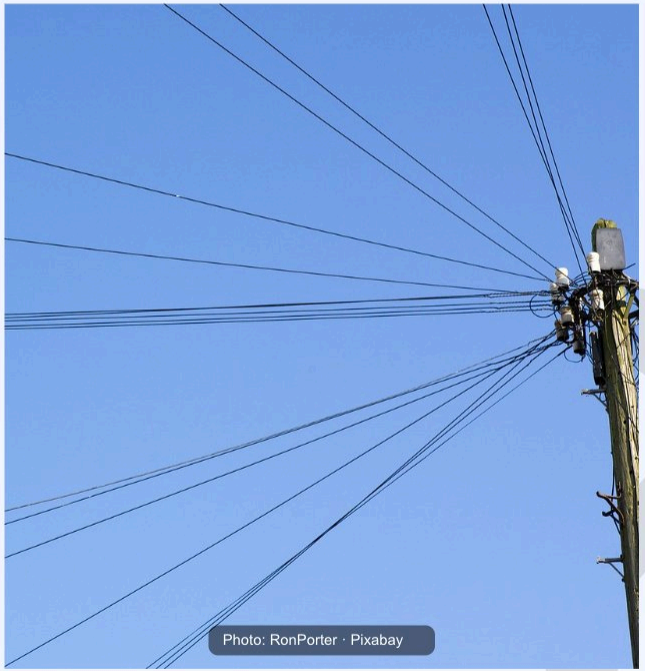
- Chronology: first, then, finally
- Comparison: both, but, while
- Cause/effect: because, so, led to
- Problem/solution: problem, fix, solved

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What could this be?

Two texts about sending fast messages. One lists years. One says because and as a result. What shapes are they?





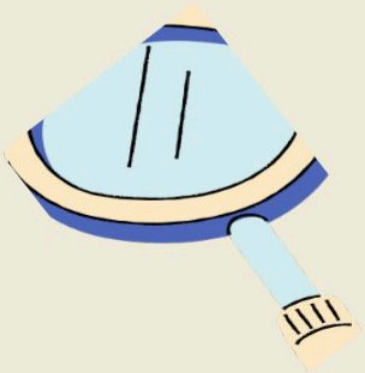
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Watch: Shapes for Grades 3-5



▶ 0:00 – 5:00

- Listen for because, then, both, problem
- Name the shape of each text



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Telegraph: Two Different Builds

1. Text A lists years: 1832, 1844, 1866
2. Text B shows causes: because, as a result
3. Same topic, different structures
4. One tells when, one tells why

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Watch: Compare the Builds





▶ 0:00 – 4:28

- Watch how both texts are compared
- Notice words that link same and different

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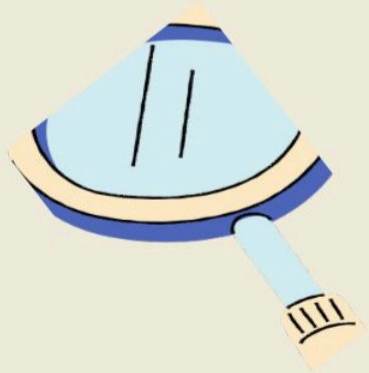
Your task

In pairs, read Texts A and B about a school garden and compare their structures.

1. Text A: First we dug soil. Then we planted seeds. Finally we watered daily.
2. Text B: Litter was a problem. So we added bins and signs. Litter dropped.
3. Name each shape and tell one same and one different.

10 min

In pairs



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Key words

chronology

time order: what happened first to last

comparison

shows how things are same and different

cause/effect

why it happened and what followed

problem/solution

something wrong and how it was made better

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Which Helps You Most?

Which shape helps you learn something new best?

A Chronology - steps in time

B Cause/effect - why things happen

C Comparison - same and different

D Problem/solution - fix a problem



Vote with your hands, then explain why.

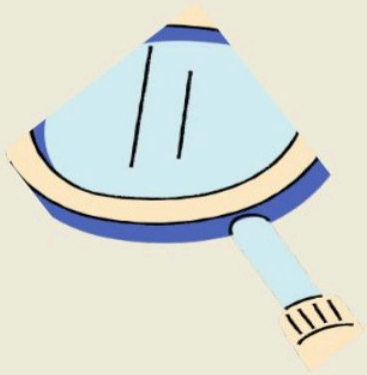
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True or false?

Two texts can share a topic but use different structures.

Words like because and as a result show chronology.

To compare, talk about both texts together, not one then one.



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