

How a Text is Organised

Name: _____

Writers arrange information in patterns. Name the pattern each passage uses: *sequence · compare and contrast · cause and effect · problem and solution · description*

1. First the seeds are soaked, then planted, and after two weeks the shoots appear.

2. Unlike the grey wolf, the coyote hunts alone and is far more common near towns.

3. Because the culvert was blocked, the road flooded and the bus route had to change.

4. Deer were eating the seedlings, so the crew fenced each one with wire mesh.

5. The barn is red, sixty feet long, with a steep roof and a wide sliding door.

6. Both cities sit on a river, but one grew on trade and the other on steel.

7. Measure the flour, add the butter, mix until crumbly, then press into the tin.

8. The pond kept freezing over, so the club installed a small pump to keep it moving.

9. Heavy rain in June washed out the trail and closed the campground for a month.

10. The kitchen smelled of cardamom, and steam had fogged the window above the sink.

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1. sequence 2. compare and contrast

3. cause and effect 4. problem and solution

5. description 6. compare and contrast

7. sequence 8. problem and solution

9. cause and effect 10. description