



### Objective

The student will identify text structures.

### Materials

- ▶ Text structure header cards (Activity Master C.022.AM1)
- ▶ Text structure cards (Activity Master C.022.AM2a - C.022.AM2c)

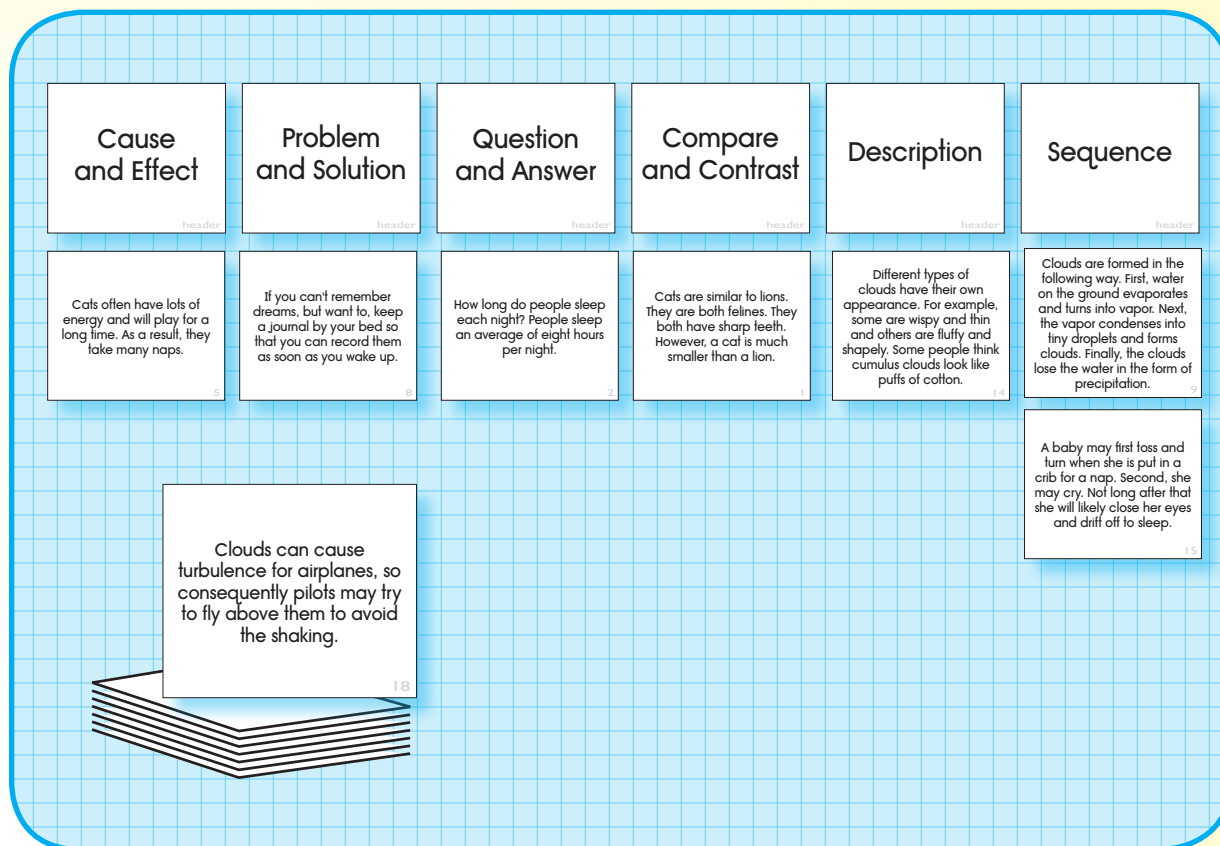
*Note: the numbers of the cards correspond to headers in the following manner:*

*Cause and Effect – 3, 5, 12; Problem and Solution – 8, 17, 18; Question and Answer – 2, 7, 13;  
Compare and Contrast – 1, 6, 11; Description – 4, 14, 16; Sequence – 9, 10, 15.*

### Activity

Students sort sentences based on the most common text structures using header cards.

1. Place text structure headers face up in a row. Place text structure cards face down in a stack.
2. Taking turns, students select top card from stack and read it to partner.
3. Identify the type of text structure used and place under the corresponding header.
4. Reverse roles and continue until all cards are sorted.
5. Peer evaluation



The activity area features a grid of text structure header cards and content cards on a blue grid background. The header cards are arranged in a row at the top, each with a small 'header' label at the bottom. Below them are several content cards, each with a small number at the bottom. One card, labeled '18', is shown being placed into a stack of other cards.

Cause and Effect	Problem and Solution	Question and Answer	Compare and Contrast	Description	Sequence
Cats often have lots of energy and will play for a long time. As a result, they take many naps.	If you can't remember dreams, but want to, keep a journal by your bed so that you can record them as soon as you wake up.	How long do people sleep each night? People sleep an average of eight hours per night.	Cats are similar to lions. They are both felines. They both have sharp teeth. However, a cat is much smaller than a lion.	Different types of clouds have their own appearance. For example, some are wispy and thin and others are fluffy and shapely. Some people think cumulus clouds look like puffs of cotton.	Clouds are formed in the following way. First, water on the ground evaporates and turns into vapor. Next, the vapor condenses into tiny droplets and forms clouds. Finally, the clouds lose the water in the form of precipitation.
					A baby may first toss and turn when she is put in a crib for a nap. Second, she may cry. Not long after that she will likely close her eyes and drift off to sleep.
					Clouds can cause turbulence for airplanes, so consequently pilots may try to fly above them to avoid the shaking.

### Extensions and Adaptations

- ▶ Sort text structure cards by topic.
- ▶ Write about a topic using each text structure (Activity Master C.022.SS).
- ▶ Make more text structure cards (Activity Master C.008.AM3) to sort using header cards.

# Comprehension

Text Structure Sort

C.022.AMI

Cause  
and Effect

header

Problem  
and Solution

header

Question  
and Answer

header

Compare  
and Contrast

header

Description

header

Sequence

header

text structure header cards



# Comprehension

C.022.AM2a

Text Structure Sort

Cats often have lots of energy and will play for a long time. As a result, they take many naps.

5

Cats sometimes scratch the furniture. One solution is to cover the furniture.

17

Why do cats purr? They purr when they are happy, but they may also purr when they are distressed or as a way to communicate.

13

Cats are similar to lions. They are both felines. They both have sharp teeth. However, a cat is much smaller than a lion.

1

You can tell when a cat is angry. Its ears are laid back and it may hiss.

4

When a cat is hungry, first he will look for his master. Then he will sit next to his dish until he gets fed.

10

text structure cards



# Comprehension

Text Structure Sort

C.022.AM2b

It was 32 degrees Fahrenheit when precipitation fell from the clouds. Since it was freezing, the precipitation was in the form of snow.

3

Clouds can cause turbulence for airplanes, so consequently pilots may try to fly above them to avoid the shaking.

18

Why do clouds look white? Clouds reflect all the colors in light which gives the appearance of white.

7

All clouds are made of water droplets. Fog, however, is a different type of cloud. The difference is that fog forms on the ground and the other clouds form high in the air.

11

Different types of clouds have their own appearance. For example, some are wispy and thin and others are fluffy and shapely. Some people think cumulus clouds look like puffs of cotton.

14

Clouds are formed in the following way. First, water on the ground evaporates and turns into vapor. Next, the vapor condenses into tiny droplets and forms clouds. Finally, the clouds lose the water in the form of precipitation.

9

text structure cards



# Comprehension

C.022.AM2c

Text Structure Sort

<p>If you don't get enough sleep, then it could affect your memory, ability to pay attention, and performance in school.</p> <p>12</p>	<p>If you can't remember dreams, but want to, keep a journal by your bed so that you can record them as soon as you wake up.</p> <p>8</p>
<p>How long do people sleep each night? People sleep an average of eight hours per night.</p> <p>2</p>	<p>Animals spend different amounts of time sleeping. Humans sleep about eight hours a day compared to giraffes who sleep less than two hours a day. On the other hand, brown bats sleep almost 20 hours a day.</p> <p>6</p>
<p>Animals sleep in many positions. For example, cats and dogs sleep curled up, as opposed to horses and birds that sleep standing. Some animals, such as bats, sleep hanging upside down.</p> <p>16</p>	<p>A baby may first toss and turn when she is put in a crib for a nap. Second, she may cry. Not long after that she will likely close her eyes and drift off to sleep.</p> <p>15</p>

text structure cards

