

PURPOSE: Writing according to structure often helps students deepen their understanding of the various structures of text.

Strategy 2: Instructions for Writing using Text Structures

- Using the ***Text Structure Reflection (C.023.AMI) handout*** from Strategy 1 for guidance and the ***Text Structure Sort (C.022.SS) handout*** for a writing graphic organizer practice writing paragraphs according to various text structures.
- Select a topic that students know well (sports, holidays, etc.). Write this in the “Topic” circle. Then have students select one text structure box at a time (for example, cause and effect or problem and solution) .
- Write a short paragraph about that topic using the structure for that box. For example, writing about a problem and solution about your topic in the “problem and solution” box. Then select another box. Using the same topic, write a different paragraph using the structure in the new box.
- For example, select a topic such as summer vacation. Students write 6 stories using each one of the structures for this one topic.
- Encourage students to use the signal words from the ***Text Structure Reflection (C.023.AMI) handout*** from Strategy 1.

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