Sequence
Provides a series or steps

1. ___________________
2. ___________________
3. ___________________
4. ___________________
5. ___________________

Signal Words
first
second
before
on (date)
not long after
after that
next
at the same time
finally
ten
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Sequence
Provides a series or steps

(first) on (date) next then

Signal Words
second not long after at the same time

before after that finally

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Description
Describes something

Signal Words

for example
to begin with
in addition
most important
in front
about
has

for instance
in fact
to illustrate
furthermore
near
are
does

characteristics are
also
such as
another
beside
is
have

looks like
smells like
feels like
tastes like
sounds like
examples are
Compares and contrasts the similarities and differences between two things

**Compare**
- same as
- alike
- not only...but also
- either...or
- likewise
- similarly
- similar to
- compared with
- as well as
- resemble

**Contrast**
- on the other hand
- on the contrary
- as opposed to
- but not
- while
- unless

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Cause and Effect
Presents cause and effect relationships

Signal Words
- because
- therefore
- this leads to
- accordingly
- may be due to
- for this reason
- if...then
- since
- so that
- because of
- effects of
- as a result
- consequently
- nevertheless
- in order to
- thus

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Problem and Solution
Identifies a problem and a solution to the problem

Signal Words

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Identifies a problem and a solution to the problem

- Problem
- Evidence
- Possible Solutions
- Result(s)

because since the problem is the puzzle is the dilemma is the question is

as a consequence this led to so that nevertheless accordingly one reason for the problem

if so perhaps possibly

a solution is solutions are this resulted in one answer is therefore

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