

Common Core
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Real World
Nonfiction Text
Structure
Examples

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TEACHER'S GUIDE


Real World Nonfiction Text Structure Activity

This activity is used as classroom practice for nonfiction text structure identification, which aligns with Common Core State Standard reading informational standard 5 grades 4-8. This activity is completed in conjunction with our interactive notes on nonfiction text structures from [Lovin Lit](#) and cooperative learning structures from Kagan. Each reading selection was found on the internet as real world examples.

Procedure

1. Provide a copy of sheet (double sided) to each student.
 - a. One example may be modeled as a classroom example (done on the projector) on how to complete this activity. That will also save you on paper 😊
2. Read the reading selection out loud to the class.
3. Give 30 seconds of think time (pencils down) for students to look at notes and think of the correct text structure for this example (no talking).
4. Have students individually write their answer down on the space provided using complete sentences (no talking).
 - a. Students also circle the visual/graphic organizer that goes with that type of text structure.
5. Next, have students share their answer with a partner or team and come up with a shared answer.
6. Finally, have a student from each partnership or team share out their answer to the class and review the correct answer.
7. Repeat for each reading selection.

Answer Key

The Enhanced Greenhouse Effect = Cause & Effect = 

Easy Bake Ultimate Oven = Description = 

Gourd Bird Feeder = Order & Sequence = 

Ballroom Heels/Ballroom Shoes = Compare & Contrast = 

ProActiv+ = Problem & Solution = 

THE ENHANCED GREENHOUSE EFFECT

Some of the activities of man also produce greenhouse gases. These gases keep increasing in the atmosphere. The balance of the greenhouse gases changes and this has effects on the whole of the planet.

Burning fossil fuels - coal, oil and natural gas - releases carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. Cutting down and burning trees also produces a lot of carbon dioxide.

A group of greenhouse gases called the chlorofluorocarbons, - which are usually called CFCs, because the other word is much too long! - have been used in aerosols, such as hairspray cans, fridges and in making foam plastics. They are found in small amounts in the atmosphere. They are dangerous greenhouse gases because small amounts can trap large amounts of heat.

Because there are more and more greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, more heat is trapped which makes the Earth warmer. This is known as **GLOBAL WARMING**.

A lot of scientists agree that man's activities are making the natural greenhouse effect stronger. If we carry on polluting the atmosphere with greenhouse gases, it will have very dangerous effects on the Earth.

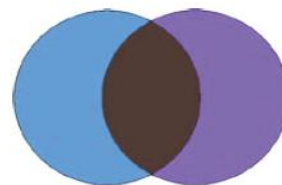
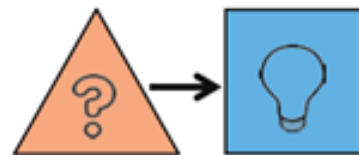
THE EFFECTS

With more heat trapped on Earth, the planet will become warmer, which means the weather all over Earth will change. For example, summers will get hotter, and winters too. This may seem a good idea, but the conditions we are living in are perfect for life, and a large rise in temperature could be terrible for us and for any other living thing on Earth. At the moment, it is difficult for scientists to say how big the changes will be and where the worse effects will occur.

<http://www.clean-air-kids.org.uk/globalwarming.html>

What type of nonfiction text structure is this reading selection and why?

Circle the visual/graphic organizer that would be used for this type of nonfiction text structure.



The all-time favorite toy oven from EASY-BAKE has a stylish look and modern features perfect for today's creative bakers!

Real baking, real fun!

The EASY-BAKE Ultimate Oven features a cool curvy look, and now bakes without a light bulb. This is real baking, and it is so much fun! Choose which dessert to make first with the included mixes: red velvet cupcakes with pink frosting or chocolate chip cookies. Follow the recipes to mix, bake and decorate your own tasty desserts. Have fun baking with friends or treat your friends and family to the baked goodies you make! And look for EASY-BAKE Ultimate Oven mixes to make even more delicious treats (each sold separately). Ready for more EASY-BAKE fun? Download the free EASY-BAKE Treats app and share your virtual creations with family and friends.

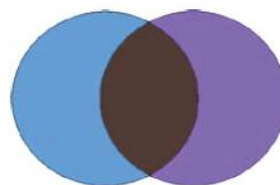
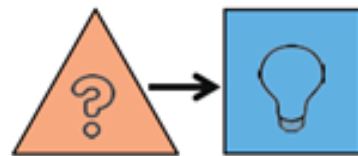
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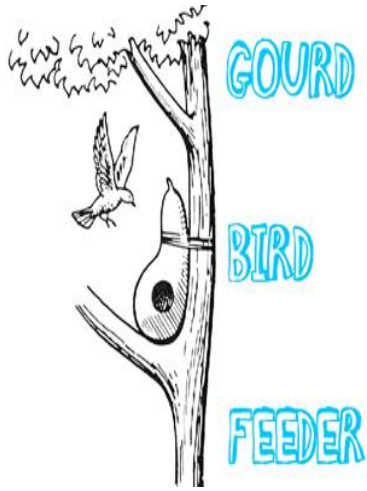
Oven, baking pan, cupcake pan, pan pusher, chocolate chip cookie mix, red velvet cake mix, pink frosting mix, rainbow sugar crystals packet, paper cupcake wrappers and instructions/recipe booklet.

<http://www.amazon.com/Easy-Bake-93404-Ultimate-Oven/dp/B004P9591C>

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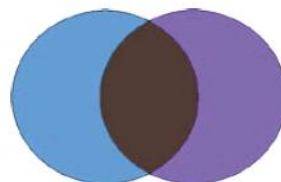
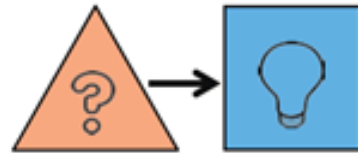
Find a gourd that is similar to the one pictured left. Before beginning, the outer skin of your gourd needs to be removed before you start painting. To remove the outer skin, soak your gourd in water for a few hours. Then you need to rub with sandpaper or a rough pot cleaner. Remove all of the rough spots. An adult will need to cut a hole in the gourd according to design left... and clean it out. As you can see, the hole needs to be cut in the larger portion of the gourd, near the bottom of the gourd.

After cutting and cleaning the gourd, you can paint on designs with enamel. When dry, give the gourd two coats of shellac. Ask an adult to wire the birdhouse to a tree.

<http://www.artistshelpingchildren.org/birdfeedershousesperchescraftsmakingartscraftsideaskids.html>

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Ballroom Heels / Ballroom Shoes: Ballroom shoes come in two main categories; Latin Shoes and Smooth Shoes. For beginners who are planning to learn many styles of partner dances who want to own a pair of Ballroom heels, I would recommend buying a pair of Latin Heels. Ballroom Heels are different from regular Fashion Heels because they have more flexibility and they also have a suede covering on the bottom of the shoe. The suede covering provides friction to allow the dancer to both slide their feet along the dance floor easily and not slip on the floor.

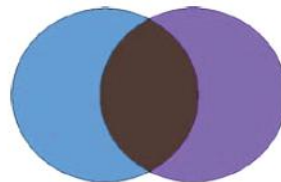
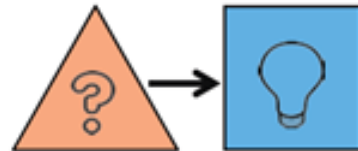
Ballroom Heels are also different from regular fashion heels because they provide a different support to the foot. Latin Heels sits the dancer more on the balls of their feet, while Smooth Shoes sits the dancer more on their heels. Ballroom Heels are important to have if the eventual goal is to compete; otherwise, any other type of shoe will do in the beginning. I will say this for Ballroom Heels, though: They are surprisingly easy to dance in and make your legs look great! And once you advance in Ballroom, they make executing certain moves as a female a lot easier!

Downside: Calluses, Blisters, and Foot Pain. Latin Shoes leave feet vulnerable to being stepped on. Beware, your feet will hate you the first few weeks you start dancing in heels regularly!

<http://ballroomdarling.hubpages.com/hub/Ballroom-Dancing-What-to-wear-to-practice>

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Straight Talk About His Skin

As a member of the Grammy-nominated band Maroon 5, Adam has made a name for himself with a signature voice that has become woven into our country's musical fabric. A lot of his appeal comes from his confident, no-nonsense approach to music, to himself and to life in general.

So it should come as no surprise that when people ask him about his lifestyle, Adam ends up talking about his skin, including his experiences with acne. "I'll be honest. As a teenager, I had horrible breakouts. I would hide from cameras, hide in my room. I was just ashamed of my acne." He used varying treatments, with varied results.

Today, Adam's in his 30s, and the problems have persisted. "But now I have Proactiv+," he says with a smile. "It's a game changer because it kills acne AND treats your skin right." With its Smart Target™ technology and dual "clear + radiant" action, Proactiv+ gives Adam exactly what he wants.

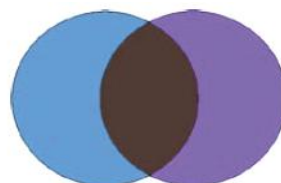
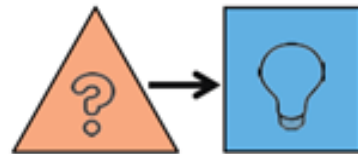
Boosts His Self-Confidence

"Acne doesn't care how old you are or how successful you are. Even though I'm a celebrity, I'm no different than anyone else. Acne just shows up and causes trouble. And it can mess with your confidence." But confidence is one of Adam's most prized possessions, which is what drew him to Proactiv+.

<http://www.proactivplus.com/get-advice/celebrity-listing,default,pg.html>

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