

The pattern of organization

There are four types of patterns in any piece of writing.

1. Listing.
2. Time order
3. Cause and effect
4. Comparison

Listing Pattern

Example

Read the paragraph. Find out why diamonds are expensive .Answer the question below.

Diamonds are expensive for several reasons. **First**, they are difficult to find. They are found in only a few places in the world. **Second**, they are useful. People use diamonds to cut other stones. **Third**, diamonds do not change. They stay the same for millions of years. **Finally**, diamonds are beautiful.

How many reasons are given? -----

Four reasons are given. The underlined words are **the signal words** .They show the pattern. So it is easy to find the reasons. There is a signal word for each reason.

Signal words

Details (reasons)

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|------------|-------------------|
| 1- First | Difficult to find |
| 2- Second | Useful |
| 3- Third | Do not change |
| 4- finally | Beautiful |

Exercise: 1

Underline the signal words in each paragraph. Write the topic and the main idea. Then write the signal words and details.

Some Ideas about computers

Computers are helpful in many ways. First they are fast. They work with information much quickly than a person can. Second, computers can work with lots of information at the same time. Third, they keep information for long time. They do not forget things the way people do. Also, computers

are almost always correct. They are not perfect, of course, but they usually do not make mistakes.

Topic: -----

Main Idea: -----

Signal words

Details

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Exercise: 2

Today, computer companies sell many different programs for computers. First there are programs for doing math problems. Second, there are programs for scientific studies. Third, some programs, called word processors, are like fancy typewriters. They are often used by writers and business people. Other programs, called CD-ROM's, are on compact discs (CDs). These programs have movies, books, and even music on them. Finally, there are programs for fun. These include exciting games and puzzles for children and adults

Topic: -----

Main idea: -----

Signal words

Details

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Exercise: 3

Today, computers are used in almost every profession. For example, scientists use them. So do mathematicians and economists. And business people use them to make business decisions. Doctors also use computers to help their patients. Computers make work easier for writers, too. Even students now use computers at home to help them make plans and pay bills.

Topic: -----

Main idea: -----

Signal words

Details

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The time order pattern

Example

Read the following time order paragraph. Answer the question below.

Albert Einstein was born in 1879 in Ulm, Germany. He graduated from the University of Zurich in Switzerland in 1905. In 1905 also did some of his most famous work in physics. In 1921 he won the noble prize for physics. Between 1919 and 1933, he lived in Germany and traveled a lot to talk to other scientists. Then in 1933 he had to leave Germany because of Hitler and the Nazi party. He moved to the united states. From 1933 until his death he lived in Princeton, New Jersey. He died on April 18, 1955.

What is the topic of this paragraph? _____

The underlined signal words are all dates. Each points to a major event in the life of Albert Einstein.

Here are the signal words. Write the events.

Signal Words

Events

1879	<u>Albert Einstein was born in Ulm, Germany.</u>
1905	-----
1905	-----
1921	-----
1919-1933	-----
1933	-----
1933until his death	-----
April 18, 1955	-----

Exercise : 1

Read each paragraph. Look for the signal words and underline them. Then write the topic, the signal words, and the events on the lines below.

The Vietnam War began soon after World War II .At first, in 1946, the war Was between the Vietnamese and the French .The government of Vietnam was French. But the Vietnamese people wanted the French to leave so they could have their own government. The Vietnamese fought hard, and slowly they won more and more land. By 1953, the French Army was in trouble. They were not winning the war. French soldiers were dying, and the war was costing a lot of money. So, in 1954, the French army stopped fighting and left Vietnam. That was the end of the first part of the Vietnam War.

Topic:-----

Signal Words

Events

Exercise : 2

The second part of Vietnam War began in 1954. After the French Army left, there were two Vietnams: North Vietnam and South Vietnam. There were also two governments. Both governments wanted to be only government for all of Vietnam. So from 1954 until 1960, the North and the south were fighting all the time. The North Vietnamese slowly grew stronger. By the beginning of 1965, the North Vietnamese were winning the war. But the U.S. government did not want the North Vietnamese to win. So in March 1965, the United States began to help South Vietnam. They sent guns and airplanes to help the south. At first, the United States sent only a few soldiers, but by July 1965, there were about 75000, Americans soldiers in Vietnam.

Topic:-----

Signal Words

Events
