

Reading Skills Study Guide

Text Structure: How the author wrote the story.

- Problem/Solution-the text provides a problem and solution format (flat tire-fix it)
- Description-the text gives information about a topic, event, object, person, or idea by presenting its attributes (DOG – appearance, required care, breeds, as pets, helping others)
- Cause/Effect-the text shows a causal relationship (We won the tournament—We received a trophy.)
- Comparison/Contrast-the text points out similarities and differences between two or more topics (Baseball: innings, homeruns, pitcher, strike, 7th inning stretch vs. Football: quarters, touchdowns, quarterback, fumble, cheerleaders BOTH: balls, teams, sports, points, fans)
- Sequencing-the text uses words such as first, then, next, finally to show the order in which something was done.

Author's Purpose: Why did the author write the story?

- Entertain-for enjoyment
- Inform-the give you information about something (ex. Astronauts)

Prefix

- **anti:** against (anti-slavery: against slavery)
- **ex:** former (ex-convict: formerly a convict)
- **dis:** not (dislike: to not like)
- **non:** not (nonfat: to not have fat)
- **under:** beneath or below (underneath: below something)

Suffix

- **ment:** process (measurement: the process of measuring)
- **ful:** full of (joyful: full of joy)
- **less:** without (flavorless: without flavor)
- **ness:** condition of (sadness: the state of being sad)
- **en:** to make or consisting of (strengthen: to make stronger)