Name _____ Date _____

Text Structure

Description, sequence, compare-contrast, cause-effect, problem-solution.
Look for the signal words.

A. Write the structure. Circle the signal words. description sequence compare-contrast cause-effect problem-solution

1. Sea turtles have hard shells, flippers and no teeth. For example, the leatherback has a soft, leathery shell. _____
2. First, the caterpillar hatches from an egg. Next, it forms a chrysalis. Finally, a butterfly comes out. _____
3. Because the ice is melting, polar bears have less space to hunt. As a result, many are hungrier. _____
4. Our class kept forgetting to water the plants. One solution was a watering chart by the door. _____
5. Alligators and crocodiles are both reptiles. However, alligators have wide snouts, while crocodiles have pointed ones. _____

B. Match the structure to the organizer.

1. sequence • • Venn diagram
2. compare-contrast • • web
3. cause-effect • • timeline
4. description • • cause → effect boxes

C. Write a sequence paragraph. How to make a sandwich. Use first, next and finally.

Answer Key

A. Write the structure. Circle the signal words.

1. **description (for example)** 2. **sequence (first, next, finally)** 3. **cause-effect (because, as a result)** 4. **problem-solution (solution)** 5. **compare-contrast (both, however, while)**

B. Match the structure to the organizer.

1. **timeline** 2. **Venn diagram** 3. **cause → effect boxes** 4. **web**

C. Write a sequence paragraph.

Answers will vary.