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Exploring Text Structures

"Text structure" is the term for how an author organizes information. Authors use different text structures to achieve different purposes, and one piece of writing often has multiple text structures.

Directions: Common text structures are listed in the boxes on the right. Use the information in these boxes to help you answer the questions below about the text structures in "This Apple Could Have Been Saved" and "How to Reduce Your Food Waste."

1. The first section of "This Apple Could Have Been Saved" uses description. What is the author describing?

Description or List
Includes details to help you picture or get to know a person, a place, a thing, or an idea

Cause and Effect
Explains *why* something happened (cause) and *what* happened as a result (effect)

2. A. Circle the text structure used in the section "A Nation of Wasters."

compare and contrast **sequence of events**

B. Explain how you know, using evidence from the text.

Problem and Solution
Presents a problem and explains how it is solved

Compare and Contrast
Presents the similarities and/or differences between two items, such as a pair of events, time periods, ideas, or places

Sequence of Events
Describes events in the order in which they happen (also called chronological order)

3. In the section "Perfect Peppers," the author uses cause and effect to explore how our demand for flawless-looking fruits and veggies causes food waste. Below, write two effects of this demand. (You may paraphrase or quote lines from the article.)

Effect 1: _____

Effect 2: _____

4. The informational text "How to Reduce Your Food Waste" presents solutions to the food-waste problem. Write two problem-solution pairs below.

Problem 1: _____

Solution 1: _____

Problem 2: _____

Solution 2: _____
