Sequence
Provides a series or steps

1. ________________________
2. ________________________
3. ________________________
4. ________________________
5. ________________________

Signal Words
first
second
before
on (date)
not long after
after that
next
at the same time
finally
then

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Signal Words

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Description
Describes something

Signal Words
for example
characteristics are
for instance
to begin with
also
in fact
in addition
such as
to illustrate
most important
another
furthermore
in front
beside
near
about
is
are
has
have
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Compares and contrasts the similarities and differences between two things

- **Contrast**
  - different from
  - in contrast
  - although
  - more than
  - less than
  - instead of
  - however

- **Compare**
  - same as
  - alike
  - not only...but also
  - either...or
  - likewise
  - similarly
  - similar to
  - compared with
  - as well as
  - resemble

- **Contrast**
  - on the other hand
  - on the contrary
  - as opposed to
  - but not
  - while
  - unless

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Cause and Effect
Presents cause and effect relationships

Signal Words
because  if...then  as a result
therefore  since  consequently
this leads to  so that  nevertheless
accordingly  because of  in order to
may be due to  effects of  thus
for this reason
Problem and Solution
Identifies a problem and a solution to the problem

Signal Words
the problem is
the puzzle is
solve
question...answer
one reason for the problem

the dilemma is
the question is
a solution
one answer is

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Problem
Evidence
Possible Solutions
Result(s)

because
since
the problem is
the puzzle is
the dilemma is
the question is

as a consequence
this led to
so that
nevertheless
accordingly
one reason for the problem

if
so
perhaps
possibly

a solution is
solutions are
this resulted in
one answer is
therefore

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