**Organization: Chronological Order**

Chronological order: the order in which **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** happened.

Chronological order is also known as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ order or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ order.

Sequential order is used to give directions or to show steps in a process. This type of organization describes the order in which actions \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ happen or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ happen.

Writers use chronological order for different purposes such as

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There are different strategies you can use to determine whether a text is written in chronological order:

* Look for times, dates, or numbers
* Look for signal words and phrases
* Infer, or guess, the author’s purpose
* Make a time line or other graphic

Many signal words can suggest a length of time or a sequence. Look for such words as **after, during, finally, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, last, next, then, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Summary**

**Chronological order** is the description of events in the ­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in which they happened, or the order of steps in a process.

To identify chronological order in writing, look for **times, dates, and numbers**. In addition, notice such **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** as **after, first, during, later, and last.**

**­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, or make a logical guess to figure out the writer’s purpose for using chronological order. Is he or she intending to tell a story, relate an event, teach you a process, or describe a series of causes and effects?

**Organization and Format: Comparison-Contrast Writing**

Comparison-contrast writing examines the similarities and differences between two or more \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The similarities or differences are called points of comparison or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

When you read a comparison of two subjects, notice any similarities that the ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ identifies.

In addition to looking for similarities between two subjects, you have to consider the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the writer describes.

Writers use signal or transition words to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ readers that a comparison or a contrast is being made.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ words and phrases: similar, alike, like, same, both, as well as, also, too.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ words and phrases: however, although, but, on the other hand, while, yet, in contrast.

**Summary**

Comparison-contrast writing examines the similarities and differences between two or more subjects.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ words and phrases such as also, in addition to, like, too, unlike, in contrast, while, or but can help readers understand whether a writer is describing similarities or differences.

**Formative Assessment**

*Directions: read each question carefully. Then, write the letter of your selected answer choice next to the question number.*

1. The circus is more exciting that the movies. Both the circus and the movies are fun. The circus is indoors, and so are the movies. The circus has rows of seats and popcorn, just like the movies. But at the circus, people do fantastic things. Trapeze artists fly high through the air. Animal trainers get into cages with dangerous beasts.

Which of these statements reflects a point of comparison between the circus and the movies??

1. The circus is more exciting than the movies.
2. But at the circus, people do fantastic things.
3. Both the circus and the movies are fun.
4. Animal trainers get into cages with dangerous beasts.
5. Riding the bus has many benefits that driving a car doesn’t. when you ride a bus, you can close your eyes and rest. When you drive, you have to stay alert, often in stressful traffic. On a bus, you can read a book, listen to music, or talk to others. However, in a car, distractions can lead to accidents. Last, riding a bus is better for the environment than driving a car is. If everyone drove less, we would use less gasoline, have less traffic, and reduce air pollution.

Which sentence contains a signal word indicating a point of contrast?

1. When you ride a bus, you can close your eyes and rest.
2. When you drive, you have to stay alert, often in stressful traffic.
3. On a bus, you can read a book, listen to music, or talk to others.
4. However, in a car, distractions can lead to accidents.
5. Which sentence expresses a point of contrast between wrestling and boxing?
6. Boxing requires boxing gloves, but wrestling does not.
7. Wrestling and boxing take place within confined spaces.
8. Boxing has a distinct set of rules and so does wrestling.
9. Both boxing and wrestling involve contests between two opponents.
10. Here’s how to make cinnamon apple oatmeal cereal. First, gather these ingredients: oats, water, cinnamon, apples, and brown sugar. Next, measure 2 cups of water and put it into a pan to boil. Then, add the oats to the boiling water and let them simmer. Finally, add the apple, and sprinkle with cinnamon and brown sugar. While the oats are cooking, chop up the apple.

To achieve chronological order, which sentence needs to be moved?

1. First, gather the ingredients you’ll need.
2. Next, measure 2 cups of water and put it in a pan to boil.
3. Then, add the oats to the boiling water and let them simmer.
4. While the oats are cooking, chop up the apple.
5. Which word signals chronological order?
6. Beside
7. Because
8. Over
9. Finally
10. To determine whether a passage is written in chronological order—
11. Check to see if the writer includes lots of details
12. Look for a number before each sentence
13. Look for signal words that refer to time—first, next, last
14. Check to see if the writer includes his or her opinions
15. Suppose you are reading about how to become a paramedic. In which order would you expect the steps to be organized?
16. From what you must to first to what you must do last
17. From the most difficult to least difficult
18. From formal education to personal skills
19. From most important to least important.
20. When are writers most likely to use chronological order?
21. To describe objects in a room
22. To explain a process or tell how to do something
23. To compare two or more very similar things
24. To convince people to believe an idea