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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 "History of Teeth."

1. In the opening section of "The History of Teeth," the author uses a **cause-and-effect** structure. Read the effect written below, then explain its cause on the lines provided.

**Effect:** Djed, a woman who lived in Egypt 3,000 years ago, died when she was 30.

**Cause:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. In the article "The History of Teeth," what does the author **compare and contrast** in the section "Cat Intestines"?

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3. A. Underline the text structure the author uses in the section "Tiny Robots" in the article "The History of Teeth."

**sequence of events**                      **compare and contrast**

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

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**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)

**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)

**4. A.** Which text structure does the author use in the editorial "Where Are All the Dentists?"

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

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