

Expository Paragraph Structure Signal Words and Phrases

Words that signal definition:

refers to	consists of	means
in other words (i.e.)	is equal to	synonymous with

Words that signal example:

for example (e.g.)	such as	including
for instance	is like	to illustrate

Words that signal simple listing or addition of ideas:

also	in addition	moreover
another	furthermore	finally

Words that signal sequential listing:

first	before	later
second (etc.)	then	since
later	finally	now
next	following	previously

Words that signal analysis:

consider	investigate	this means
analyze	the first part suggests	examine

Words that signal comparison:

similarly	just like	likewise
in the same way	just as	in comparison

Words that signal contrast:

in contrast	however	but
on the other hand	whereas	yet

Words that signal a cause-effect relationship:

because	hence	due to
for	as a result	thus
therefore	consequently	this led to