Text Organization/Structure Signal Words

Cause and Effect	Classification	Compare/ Contrast	Definition	Description	Problem/ Solution	Question/ Answer
 so that because of thus unless therefore since in order to as a result of this led to then reasons for ifthen consequently an explanation for 	 first second another divided into classified types kinds groups sort options examples for example 	 different from same as alike similar to unlike but as well as yet eitheror compared to in contrast while resembles although unless similarly however 	 is for example was were are define meaning use of boldface/ italic words 	 is for example involves can be an example for instance in fact also contain make up 	 a problem is a solution is is solved by a potential alternative is solution issue a possible answer therefore conclusion 	 how when what where why who how many the best estimate it could be that one may conclude
 this reason nevertheless thus accordingly 			Sequence/Chronological Order: first, second, third, now, before, after, then, next, finally, following, while, meanwhile, last, during, not long, when, using dates			

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