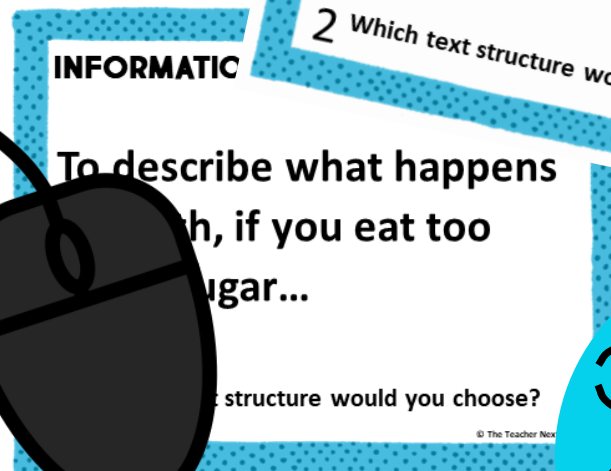
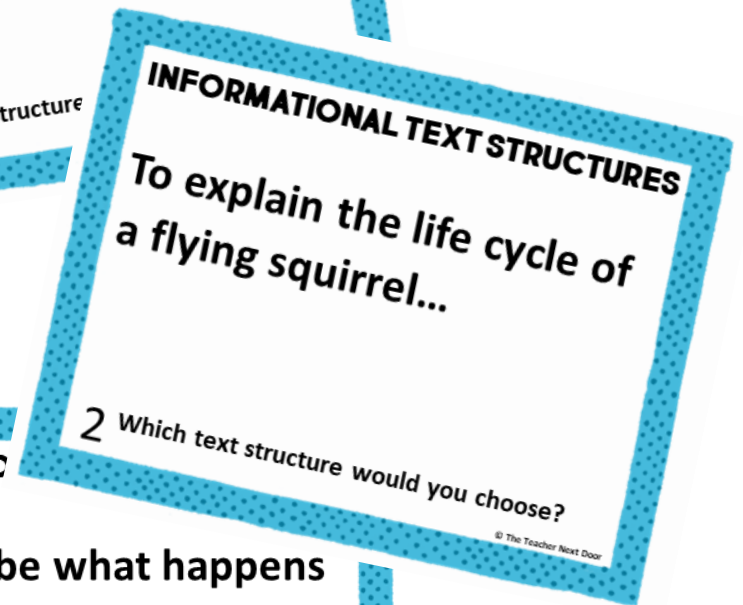
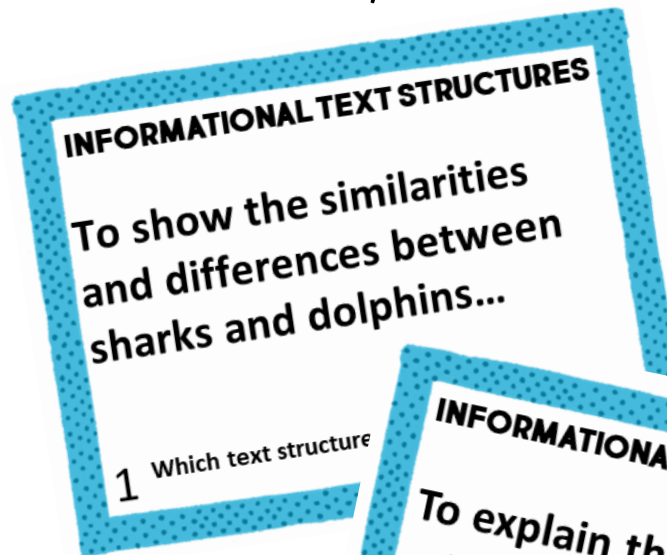
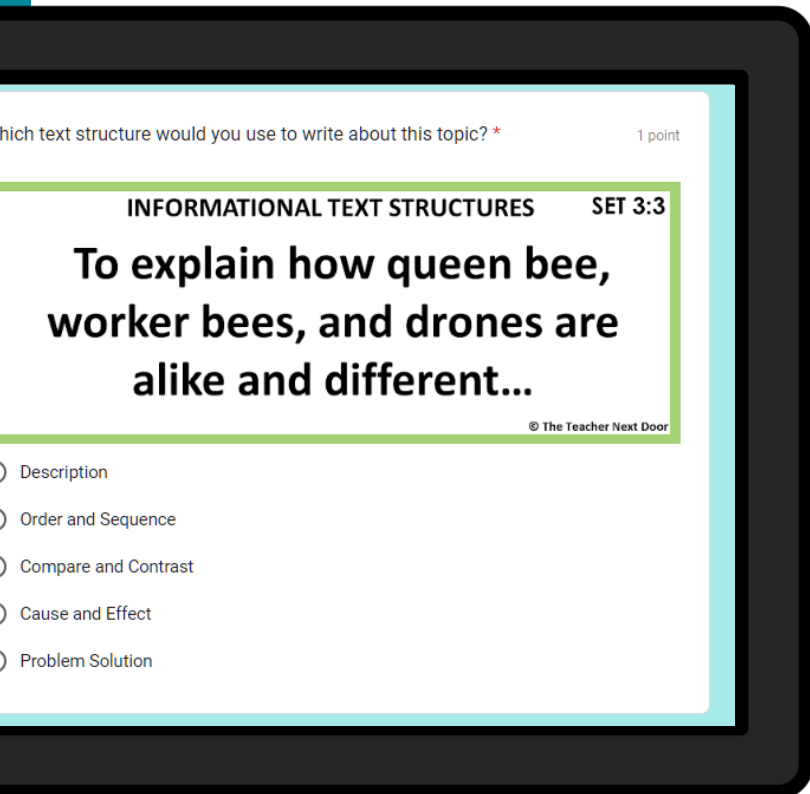


INFORMATIONAL TEXT STRUCTURES: TASK CARDS

32 TASK CARDS, RECORD SHEET, AND ANSWER KEY



3rd - 5th
Grades

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32 TASK CARDS FOR FOCUSED PRACTICE

INFORMATIONAL TEXT STRUCTURES

To see how a jaguar and a cheetah are very similar but also different...

9 Which

INFORMATIONAL TEXT STRUCTURES

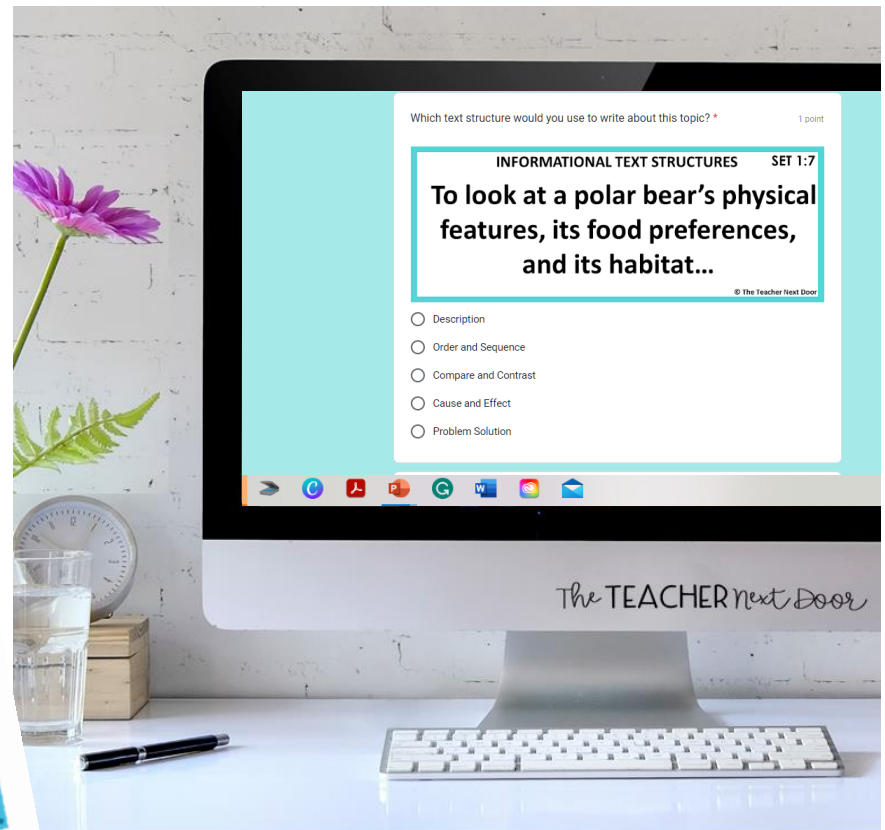
To explain the effects of pollution in the air and what scientists think can be done to reduce it...

Which text structure would you choose?
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INFORMATIONAL TEXT STRUCTURES

To describe the building of the Eiffel Tower, from the beginning to the end...

12 Which text structure would you choose?
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WORKS WELL FOR:

- **Small Groups/Partners**
- **Whole Class Games**
- **Scout/Scavenger Hunts**

PRINT AND DIGITAL FORMATS FOR FLEXIBILITY

Multiple opportunities for main idea practice!

INFORMATIONAL TEXT STRUCTURES

To describe what happens to teeth, if you eat too much sugar...

3 Which text structure would you choose?

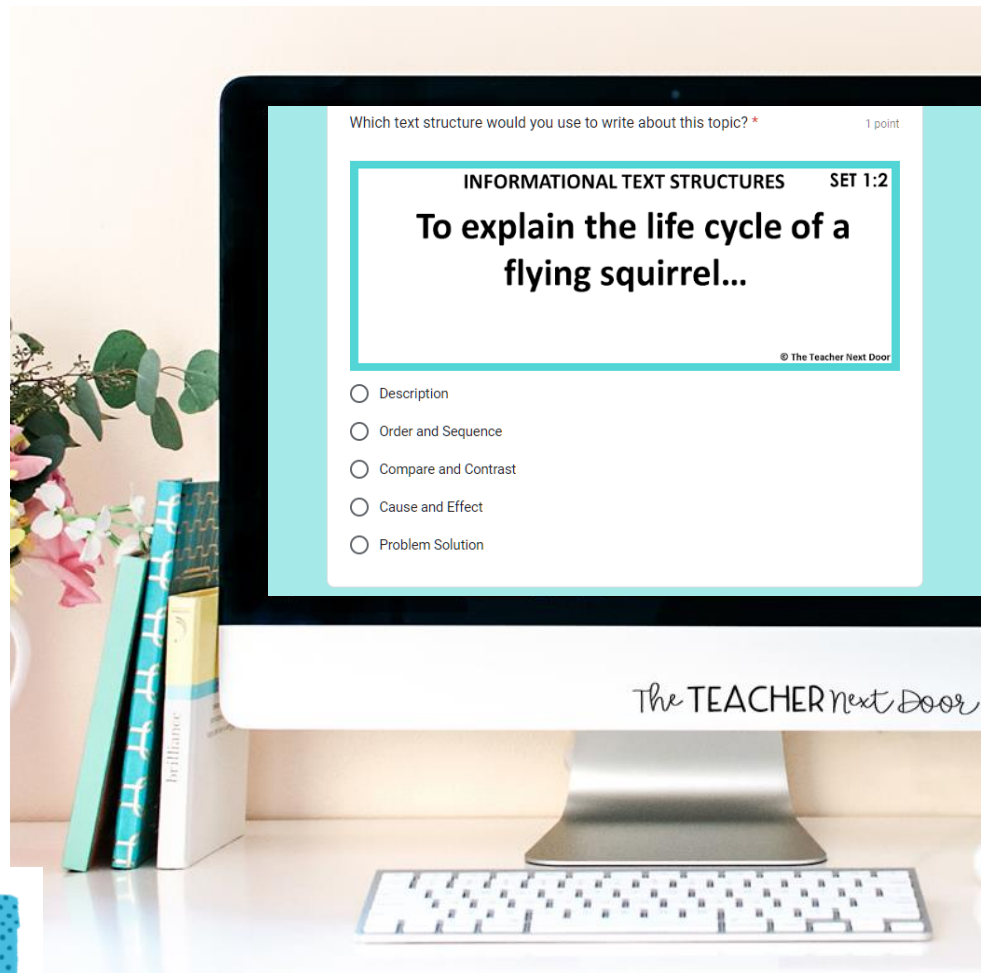
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INFORMATIONAL TEXT STRUCTURES

To explain the need for alternative energy forms and how wind turbines can help...

4 Which text structure would you choose?

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WORKS WELL FOR:

- Reading Centers
- Independent Work
- One-to-One Instruction

TEACHERS ARE SAYING THIS:

This was a fun and unique way for my students to learn test structure. My students really love using task cards.
(Molly B.)

These saved me so much time and energy! It low-prep for me as a teacher and my students absolutely loved it.
(Marlisa S.)

Great stuff for group work! Students were really discussing the text structures!
(Marcia P.)

Great practice tool for nonfiction text structure! I like that the text is short so students stay more engaged.
(Kim L.)



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

1

Which classrooms would benefit from informational text structures materials like this?

This resource is for you if your **reading curriculum is lacking in informational text structures reinforcement** and you find yourself consistently **searching for activities to supplement** and fill in the gaps. If you'd like to **provide focused, engaging informational text structures instruction and practice**, this resource is for you.

2

What age is best suited for the informational text structures task cards?

It can be used effectively with students in **3rd, 4th, and 5th grades**. The task cards can be scaffolded to support students with a wide range of reading abilities. They can also be used with **older students in need of extra practice** or **younger students who need enrichment**. Teachers, homeschool educators, and tutors have used the materials successfully.

3

How could this resource be used in my classroom?

This set of task cards is **extremely versatile**. You can use it to introduce and reinforce text structures. The task cards are perfect for **lessons, centers, independent work, small groups, whole-class games, test prep, assessment, or as a review**. The possibilities are endless!

GIVE YOUR STUDENTS FOCUSED PRACTICE

Repeated reinforcement in a short period of time!

Add a board game for
extra fun!

INFORMATIONAL TEXT STRUCTURES

To look at the life cycle of
a poison dart frog...

23 Which text structure would you choose?

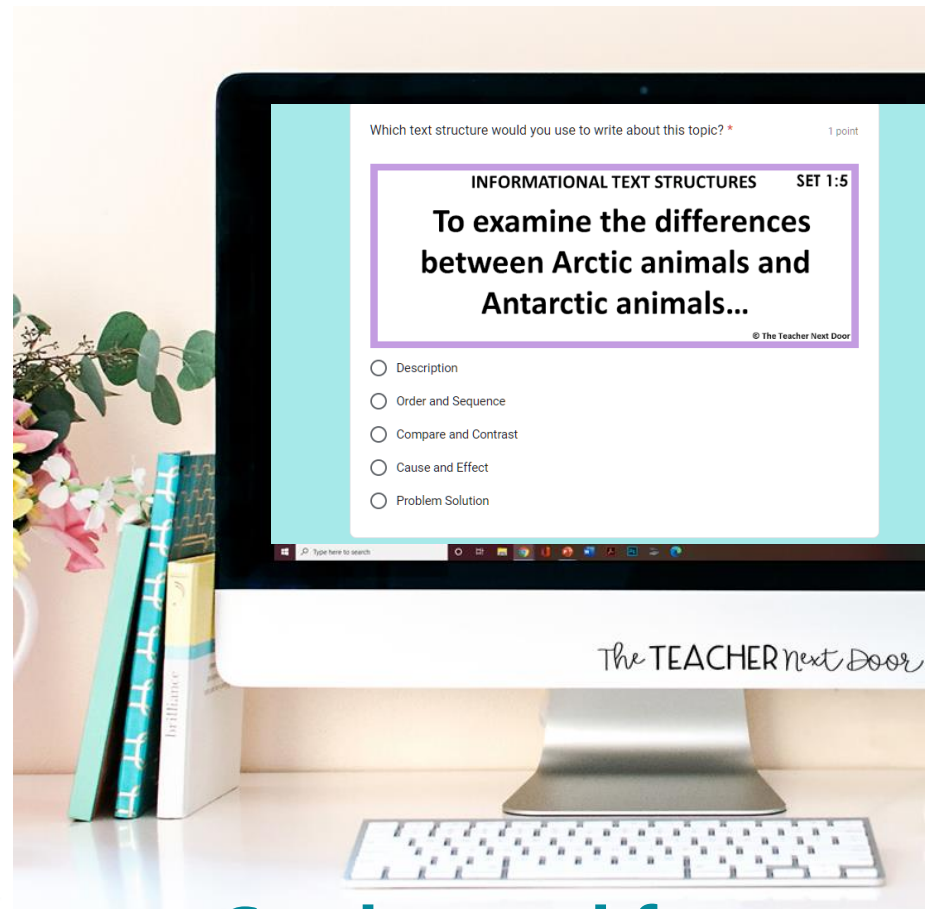
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Can be used for:

- Whole Class Games
- SCOOT
- Scavenger Hunts

Need MORE Text Structures Resources?

INFORMATIONAL TEXT STRUCTURES

PASSAGES, TASK CARDS, GRAPHIC ORGANIZERS, & ACTIVITIES

Starfish and SAND DOLLARS

Sea stars are often called starfish, but they aren't true fish. Starfish are echinoderms (have spiny skin) and are invertebrates, which means they don't have backbones. More than 1,600 species of starfish live in the world's oceans. They exist in many colors, from orange to pink to brown. Starfish can be tiny (one-half an inch across) or large (three feet across).



They live in a variety of habitats, including tidal pools, rocky shores, sea grass, kelp beds, and coral reefs. Most starfish have five arms, although some can grow as many as 50 arms. If a starfish loses an arm, it can grow a new one. A starfish's arms are covered with suckers called tube feet, which allow it to move

SALLY RIDE

Name: _____
Sally Ride was born in 1951. Her father was a physicist and her mother volunteered. Sally Ride had one sister. She was a bright student and enjoyed science and especially tennis. In 1978, she became the first American woman to travel in space as a teenager that she became a professional tennis player in the country.

INFORMATIONAL TEXT STRUCTURES COMPARE AND CONTRAST

Name: _____

Like the house cat, bobcats are mammals and are members of the Felidae family.

INFORMATIONAL TEXT STRUCTURES SCAVENGER HUNT

Name: _____

Directions: Look for informational text structures in the text. Record the source, the text structure, and the evidence.

Informational Text Structure CAUSE AND EFFECT

To show why something happened and what happened as a result.

Example: "The starfish loses its leg, so it grows a new one."

KEY WORDS: so that, due to, as a result, since, so, for this reason, in order to...

INFORMATIONAL TEXT STRUCTURES
To examine the differences between Arctic animals and Antarctic animals.
5. Which text structure would you use?

INFORMATIONAL TEXT STRUCTURES
To look at a polar bear's physical features, its food preferences, and its habitat...
7. Which text structure would you use?

4th/5th
Grades

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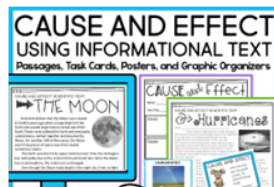
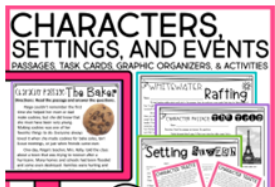
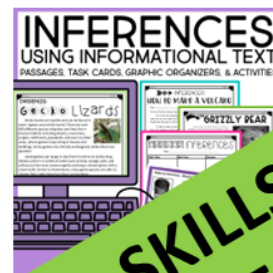
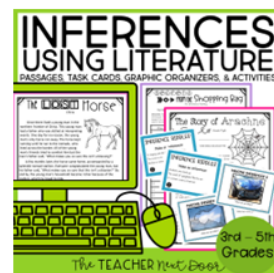
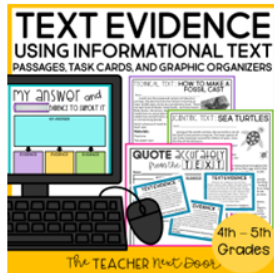
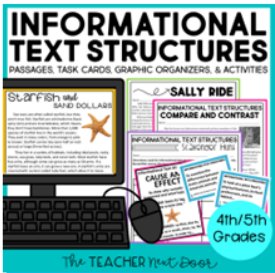
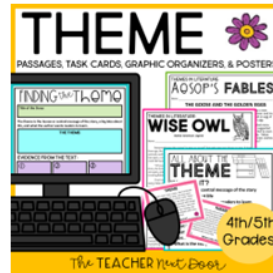
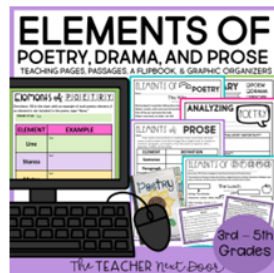
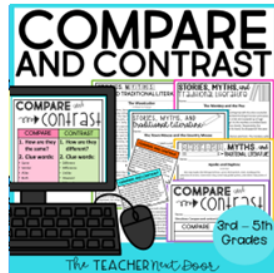
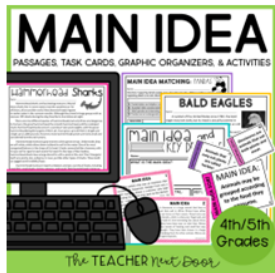
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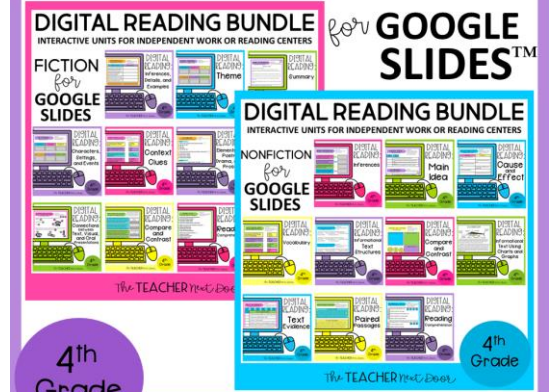
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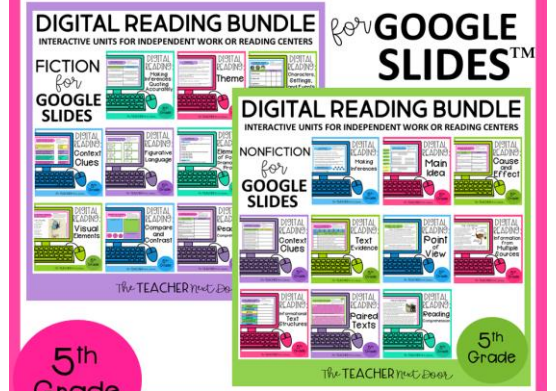
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At [The Teacher Next Door](#), we know that you strive to be an effective reading teacher while maintaining a healthy work-life balance. In order to do that, you need resources that are impactful, yet simple. The problem is that most reading resources and curriculums out there are far from simple. The pages upon pages of daily lesson plans are just plain overwhelming. We believe teachers should be living their lives outside the classroom, and not spending hours lesson planning and searching for resources.

Now, more than ever, teachers need space to be themselves which is why we create and support teachers with timesaving tips and standards-aligned resources.

We can't wait to help you get started.

A NOTE ABOUT OUR CEO AND FOUNDER: Jenn Larson is the creator and founder of The Teacher Next Door. With over 20 years of experience in the classroom and a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction, Jenn specializes in creating resources for upper elementary students. Her goal is to support teachers by providing ready-to-use resources that target standards and help students grow in amazing ways.

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