**Sequence**

- **Steps**
- **Specific Order**

**Signal Words or Phrases**

- during
- last
- now
- as soon as
- first/second/third
- initially
- after
- prior to
- then
- meanwhile
- at the same time
- step
- next
- directions
- finally
- following
- before
- simultaneously
Problem and Solution

Problem, which is solved

Signal Words and Phrases

- problem
- as a result of
- solution
- in order to
- dilemma
- so that
- puzzle
- led to
- because
- issue
- question
- advantage
- answer
- disadvantage
- solved
- cause
- since
**Cause and Effect**

*Something causes something else to happen*

**Signal Words or Phrases**
- because
- in order to
- reasons for
- outcome
- so
- is caused by
- thus
- effects of
- therefore
- leads to
- due to
- impact
- as a result
- consequently
- for this reason
- influenced by
- since
- when/if-then
- on account of
COMPARE AND CONTRAST

Comparing how things are similar or different

Signal Words and Phrases

- both
- also
- too
- just as
- instead of
- alike
- unlike
- but
- similarly
- opposite
- compared to
- different from
- however
- alike
- despite
- in comparison
- either-or
- yet
- on the contrary
- on the other hand
- in contrast
- same as
- as opposed to
such as made up of
for instance in fact
appears to be specifically
looks like characteristics
most important consists of
features for example

**Signal Words and Details**

- Position words: beside, near, in front of, along
- such as made up of
- for instance in fact
- appears to be specifically
- looks like characteristics
- most important consists of
- features for example