



Text Structures

Type 1: Description

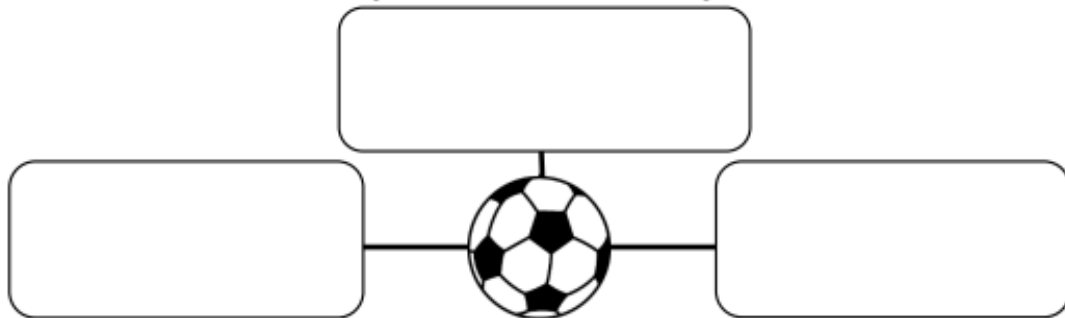
Soccer is one of the most popular sports in the world. Millions of people play soccer.

It is a fairly simple game to learn. Players try to move the ball down the field and kick it into their goal. However, a goalie stands in front of the goal and tries to block any shot the other team makes. If a team gets the ball in the goal, they score one point.

Players need to know the rules. You are not allowed to touch the ball with your hands unless you are the goalie, or you are throwing the ball onto the field from the sideline. You are also not allowed to tackle other players. The referee watches to make sure each player follows the rules.

To play soccer, you need just a few items. You need to have a ball, a large area of grass, and goals. Many players wear special shoes called cleats. These shoes have points on the bottom to help players run without slipping. Many players also wear shin guards. These protect a player's legs from getting kicked.

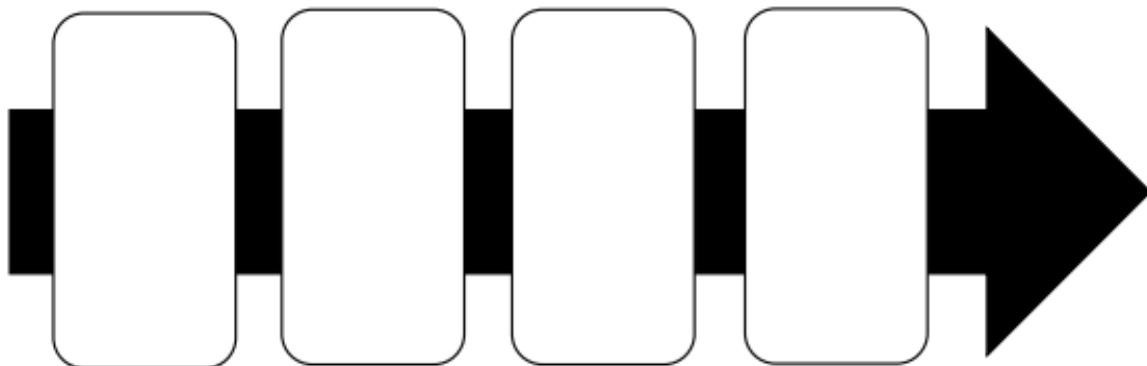
What makes this piece have a description structure?



Type 2: Sequence

Soccer is a game that has been played for numerous years. In fact, many people believe that it began in England over 800 years ago. About 200 years ago, in the early 1800s, boys in England played a sport like soccer, but they called it football. However, each school made up their own rules. In 1863, a group of players met and wrote official rules for soccer. Soccer started spreading to other countries. In 1904, an international group called FIFA formed to make sure that every team around the world followed the same soccer rules. Today, soccer is one of the most popular sports in the world!

What makes this piece have a sequence structure?

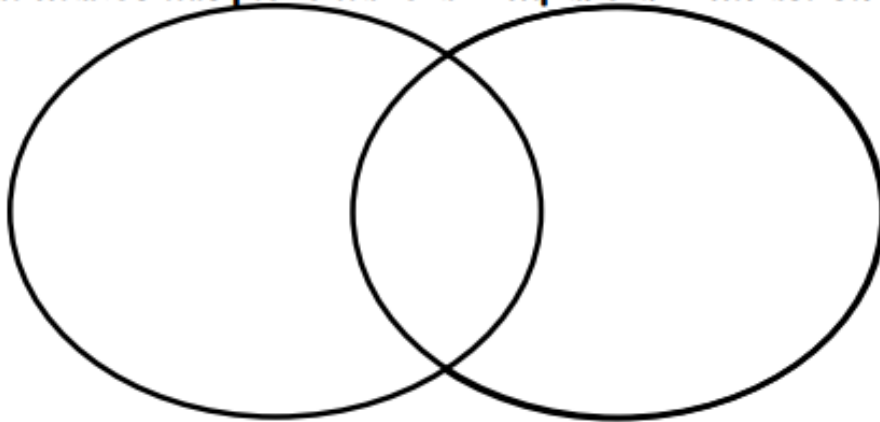


Type 3: Compare & Contrast

Soccer and football are alike in a few ways, but have many differences. One similarity is that there are eleven players on the field at one time in both soccer and football. They are both popular sports in the United States, and they both require the use of a ball and a field.

The differences between soccer and football are numerous. Soccer players use a ball shaped like a sphere, whereas football players use a ball that has two ends. In soccer, players are trying to send the ball in the goal. However, in football, players are trying to get the ball in the end zone or through the goal posts. The rules are also very different. In soccer, players are rarely allowed to touch the ball with their hands, while football players frequently touch the ball. Football players are allowed to tackle, but this is forbidden in soccer. These are just a few ways that soccer and football are different. Nonetheless, most people agree that both soccer and football are fun sports!

What makes this piece have a compare & contrast structure?



Type 4: Cause & Effect

Head injuries account for between 4% and 22% of all soccer injuries. These can result in concussions. A concussion may occur when someone's head strikes an object. The most common cause of a concussion during soccer is when one player's head strikes another player's head. The second most common cause of a soccer-related concussion is when the ball is kicked from close range and hits a player's head. Heading the ball does not cause head injuries, as long as it is done properly.

What makes this piece have a cause & effect structure?

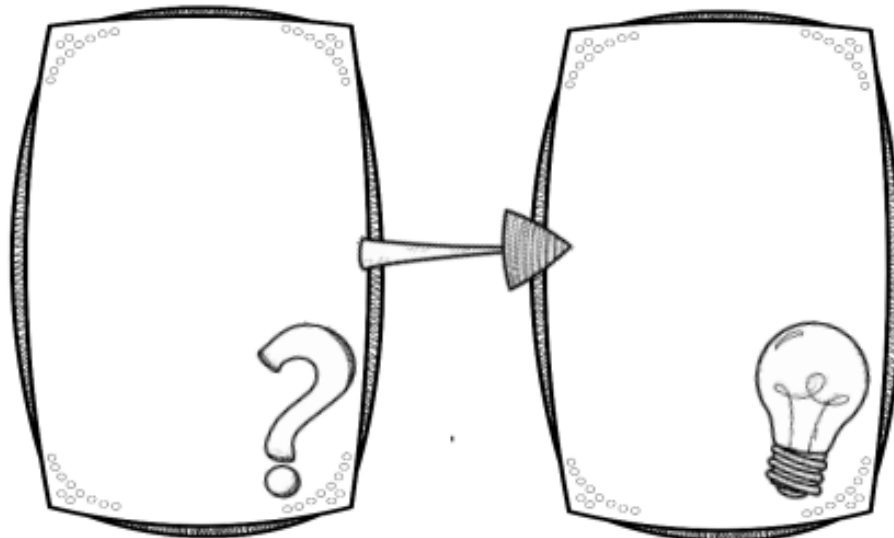


Type 5: Problem & Solution

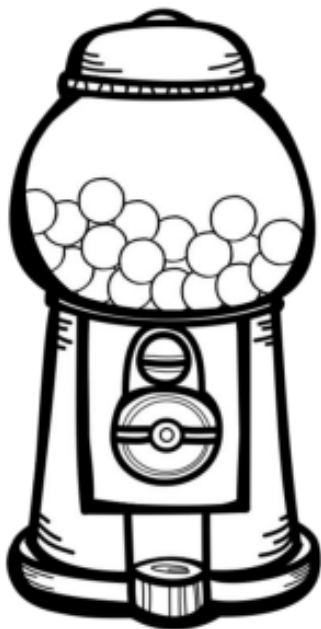
Professional soccer players head the ball thousands of times during their careers. Doctors are unsure whether players that repeatedly head the ball are more susceptible to later head injuries. Therefore, many parents and coaches are choosing to take steps to protect young players. What are some possible protections?

- Make sure children learn how to properly head the ball.
- Use the appropriate size ball for the age of the players. (Smaller balls are less likely to cause injuries.)
- Make a "no heading" rule for the younger players.

What makes this piece have a problem & solution structure?



Now read the following passages about bubble gum! Determine the text structure used.



It is easy to get gum stuck in your hair. It's not so easy to get it out! If you happen to get gum stuck in your hair, do NOT reach for the scissors. There are several ways to remove gum from hair without getting a new haircut! The least messy method is the ice cube method. Put several ice cubes in a plastic bag and hold it against the gum. The gum should harden, making it easy to break off. Another effective method (but messier) is to work peanut butter into the gum. Egg whites, vinegar or mayonnaise are other solutions to a gum-in-the-hair catastrophe.

What is the text structure for this passage?

- A. Description
- B. Sequence
- C. Compare & Contrast
- D. Cause & Effect
- E. Problem & Solution

