


Text Structures Worksheets

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Nonfiction Text Structures

PEANUTS

Cause & Effect Problem & Solution Sequence Compare & Contrast Description

Name the text structure of each of the following paragraphs related to peanuts. Justify your answer.


There are four types of peanuts produced in the United States. All lead to different uses for peanuts. Runner peanuts are medium-sized peanuts, whereas runner peanuts are grown mainly in Virginia, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, and most Americans would agree that the First Peanut Museum was founded in 1990 in Waverly, Virginia. Thousands of people visit this museum every year. There are many photographs showing the early days of peanut picking. There are a few machines on display, as well. You will find an old-fashioned peanut picker that separates the peanuts from the vines, and it still works! You can also view a display about George Washington Carver, the famous African American scientist who helped peanuts become an important crop in the United States, and discovered over 325 uses for peanuts in his lifetime. The museum displays many exhibits on the hundreds of uses of peanut butter. This educational museum is open to the public Thursday through Monday.

You might know someone who has an allergic reaction to peanuts. This can result in death if an allergic person eats a product with peanuts. He may experience hives, or he may have swollen and itchy lips, and a person who has trouble swallowing a peanut is a serious event.

As soon as peanut butter is made, it is sealed in jars. The peanut butter will go rancid in a year! The peanut butter was created with his formula.

Millions of people have seen how a peanut is grown. It is a seedling that sprouts up and grows. Like other plants, the flowers are pollinated, and a small peg buries itself in the soil underground. Finally, the peanut seed is planted.

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WHALES

Cause & Effect Compare & Contrast Description Problem & Solution Sequence

Name the text structure of each of the following paragraphs related to whales. Justify your answer.

For many years, sailors hunted whales for various reasons. One reason humans hunted whales was because they were large animals, and one whale could feed many humans for a long time. Another reason why whales have been hunted is because their body parts could be used for many things. Baleen was used to make hairbrushes. The oil from a sperm whale's head was used to make soaps, perfumes, and oils. Whale hunting over the years has decreased.

Worldwide whale hunting has caused the number of whales on Earth to decrease significantly. However, in recent years, some concerned people have tried to do things to protect these beautiful creatures. These people have been working to convince lawmakers to ban whale hunting in many places. They are especially focusing on Japan, trying to convince them to end their annual whale hunt in the Southern and Pacific Oceans. Another solution is to establish sanctuaries to increase whale populations. Sanctuaries are areas of safety, and are off-limits to whale hunters. Sanctuaries allow whales to breed, feed, and regrow their populations.

Shamu was one of the most famous killer whales (killer whale) that appeared at the Orlando, and San Antonio SeaWorld show. The orca was born in 1971, but the name Shamu was used in different areas that began in 1971 and was used between 1971 and 2016. Shamu's show ran from 1978-2006. In 2016, Shamu was retired.

The blue whale is the biggest animal ever known to live on the planet Earth! It can measure more than 100 feet long! This is longer than three school buses parked end to end! The blue whale weighs over 100 tons—that is equal to 25 elephants! It belongs to the baleen group of whales because it has baleen growing from the upper jaw instead of teeth. The blue whale mainly eats krill. Blue whales can be found in the Indian Ocean as well as the southern Pacific Ocean.

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Whales and sharks seem to be quite a bit alike because they both live in the water and have similar external body parts like flippers and fins. However, they are actually quite different. Whales are large mammals, while sharks are large fish. Sharks breathe through gills, whereas whales must rise to the surface of the water regularly and take air into their lungs through a blowhole. Sharks lay eggs, while whales have live young.