

Text Structure Signal Words

Cause and Effect

as a result of	leads/led to
because	may be due to
consequently	so that
for this reason	therefore
if...then	thus
in order to	when...then
is caused by	

Compare and Contrast

although	in common
as well as	in comparison
as opposed to	instead of
both	on the other hand
but	otherwise
by contrast	similar to
compared with	similarly
different from	unlike
either...or	whereas
even though	yet
however	

Problem and Solution

conflict	possibly
could be	recommendations include
despite that	resolved
in efforts to	result
mishap	a solution
perhaps	trouble
possible	

Sequence or Time Order

after	next
afterward	not long after
as soon as	now
before	on (date)
during	second
finally	soon
first	then
following	third
immediately	today
later	when
meanwhile	

Description

appears to be	in front of
as in	looks like
behind	near
below	on top of
beside	onto
between	outside
down	over
for example	such as
for instance	under
in back of	

Question and Answer

How...?
One answer is...
The question is...
What...?
When...?
Where...?
Who...?