**Text Structure Signal Words**

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

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

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

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

**Problem and Solution**
- conflict
- could be
- despite that
- in efforts to
- mishap
- perhaps
- possible
- possibly
- recommendations include
- resolved
- result
- a solution
- trouble

**Question and Answer**
- How...?
- One answer is...
- The question is...
- What...?
- When...?
- Where...?
- Who...?

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