

Text Structure & Features

Report Summary

Report Graphic Organizer

Reports are factual texts that provide information in a variety of ways including the body of the text, illustrations, photographs, diagrams, graphs, timelines and insets. Reports classify and describe things such as deserts, volcanoes, mammals, wrecks, and bridges.

When using this graphic organizer in Read Aloud you and your students would be able to analyze the text for better understanding. This strategy captures the important information and the structures in which the information is organized. Often there are problems and solutions in these texts such as an environmental problem in a report about penguins. There can also be cause and effect structures that provide clues for comprehension when reading.

Here is an example

Title: Bears

Definition:

Here there might be some scientific definition of their family in the animal kingdom. There might be all the kinds of bears in the world.

Description(s): (may be categorized)

The food, the habitat, the homes, the young, and the enemies of the bear might be examined.

Problems and Solutions:

One of the problems of the polar bear is the shrinking of the ice cap. This prevents the bears from hunting seal. The wildlife caretakers are trying to work out a solution.

Cause and Effect:

Because man has begun to use much of the wilderness in which the grizzly bear roams the bears do not have enough of their habitat to sustain themselves anymore. This causes problems for the grizzly that could lead to its extinction.

Sequence of Events:

The birth of young cubs during winter while the grizzly bear is in hibernation is the beginning of a sequence as the young cubs grow, leave the cave, learn to find food, learn to catch fish, and eventually learn to live alone.