**Cause and Effect:** The results of something are explained.  
**Example:**The dodo bird used to roam in large flocks across America.  Interestingly, the dodo wasn’t startled by gun shot.  Because of this, frontiersmen would kill entire flocks in one sitting.  Unable to sustain these attacks, the dodo was hunted to extinction.  
 **Chronological:**information in the passage is organized in order of time.  
**Example:**Jack and Jill ran up the hill to fetch a pail of water. Jack fell down and broke his crown and Jill came tumbling after.

**Compare and Contrast:**two or more things are described.  Their similarities and differences are discussed.  
**Example:**Linux and Windows are both operating systems.  Computers use them to run programs.  Linux is totally free and open source, so users can improve or otherwise modify the source code.  Windows is proprietary, so it costs money to use and users are prohibited from altering the source code.

**Problem and Solution:**a problem is described and a response or solution is proposed or explained.  
**Example:**Thousands of people die each year in car accidents involving drugs or alcohol.  Lives could be saved if our town adopts a free public taxi service. By providing such a service, we could prevent intoxicated drivers from endangering themselves or others.

**Sequence / Enumeration:**information is organized in steps or a process is explained in the order in which it occurs.   **Example:** Eating cereal is easy.  First, get out your materials.  Next, pour your cereal in the bowl, add milk, and enjoy.

**Description/Spatial** / **Descriptive Writing**: information is organized in order of space (top to bottom, left to right).  
**Example:**when you walk into my bedroom there is a window facing you.  To the right of that is a dresser and television and on the other side of the window is my bed.