Authors share information in a way readers can understand. The way that an author organizes the information is called **text structure**. There are several types of text structure that we will be learning about in the next couple of weeks. This week we will be learning about **problem and solution** and **compare and contrast**.

**Problem and Solution Structure:**

This structure is a text organization in which the author states a problem and suggests a way to solve the problem. Some examples of signal words that indicate that there is a problem and solution are: **solution, answer, issue, problem.**

Read the paragraph below. Underline the problem once and the solution twice.

If you're planning on dressing up for a wedding, dance, or other formal event, you'll need to wear some dress shoes. While your feet may look great in dress shoes, they will probably feel horrible. Wearing dress shoes for more than a few minutes can be extremely painful. This pain may prevent you from having a good time. One thing that you can do to protect yourself is to bring a box of band-aids with you. As the dress shoes tear up the skin on your feet, put those band-aids on the wounds to ease the pain and prevent further damage. The band-aids will create a protective layer that will reduce the amount of pain that your dress shoes may inflict. Don't let foot pain ruin your fun; come to the party prepared.

**Compare and Contrast Structure:**

When an author compares and contrast, they tell how two or more things are alike and different. Often, one paragraph tells how the subjects are alike, and another paragraph tells how they are different. Sometimes, sentences alternate telling how the subjects are alike and different.

Read the paragraph below. Circle the sentences that tell how they are alike and underline the sentences that tell how they are different.

When playing some sports, athletes are required to wear special shoes. Two such sports are golf and bowling. Golf shoes have sharp metal spikes called cleats. These cleats help golfers keep their footing while swinging the club. On the other end of the spectrum are bowling shoes, which are very smooth and have almost no traction at all. Bowling shoes help bowlers slide down the lane while throwing the ball. While both of these types of shoes help athletes perform, I wouldn't wear either of them outside of games. Aside from looking ridiculous, golf shoes and bowling shoes do not have soles that are fit for street use.