

Module 9: Nonfiction
Topic 3 Content: Types of Expository Nonfiction

Introduction

The image is a digital graphic with a background of a stack of books on a wooden surface. At the top, the title "Types of Expository Nonfiction" is displayed in a large, bold, black font. Below the title, there are five dark grey rectangular tabs, each containing a white text label: "Compare and Contrast", "Problem-Solution", "Cause and Effect", "Analysis", and "How-To". To the right of these tabs, a white rectangular text box with a thin black border contains the instruction: "Click each of the tabs to learn more about different types of expository nonfiction and examples of organization." The overall design is clean and educational.

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Compare and Contrast


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Compare and Contrast

A compare-and-contrast expository text aims to examine the similarities and differences between two or more things. Click the images below to view two possible options for organizing a compare and contrast.


Option 1 Organization: Feature by Feature

Feature 1	→	Feature 2
Subject A		Subject A
Subject B		Subject B



Option 2 Organization: Subject by Subject

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Problem-Solution

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Problem-Solution

A problem-solution expository text aims to examine a problem and propose one or more solutions. Click the images below to view two possible options for organizing a problem-solution.

Option 1 Organization: Single Solution

Description of Problem

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Recommended Solution

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Explanation of Solution

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Conclusion

Option 2 Organization: Multiple Solutions

Description of Problem

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Solution A: Pros and Cons

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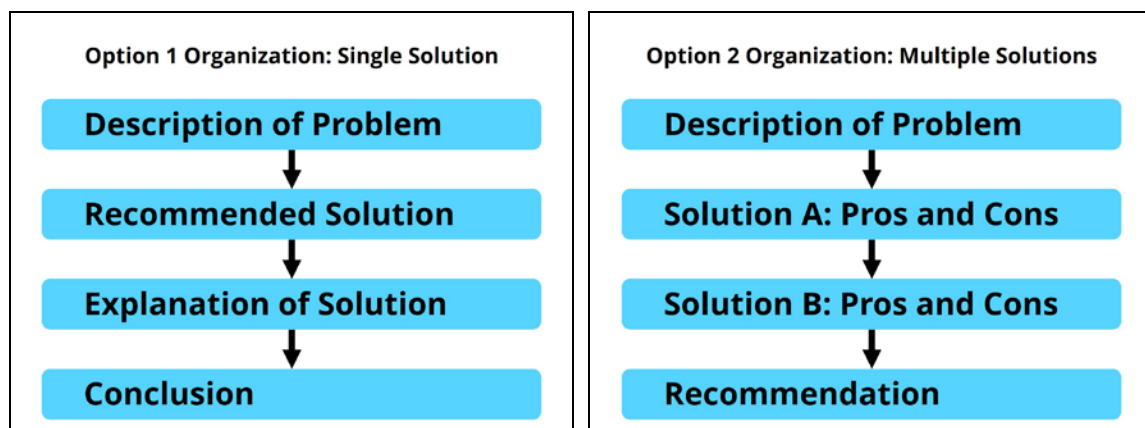
Solution B: Pros and Cons

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Recommendation

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Cause and Effect

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A cause-and-effect expository text aims to explain how or why something happened or the resulting effects of something. Click the images below to view two possible options for organizing a cause and effect.

Option 1 Organization: Cause to Effect

Cause

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Effect 1

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Effect 2

Effect 3

Option 2 Organization: Effect to Cause

Effect

↓

Cause 1

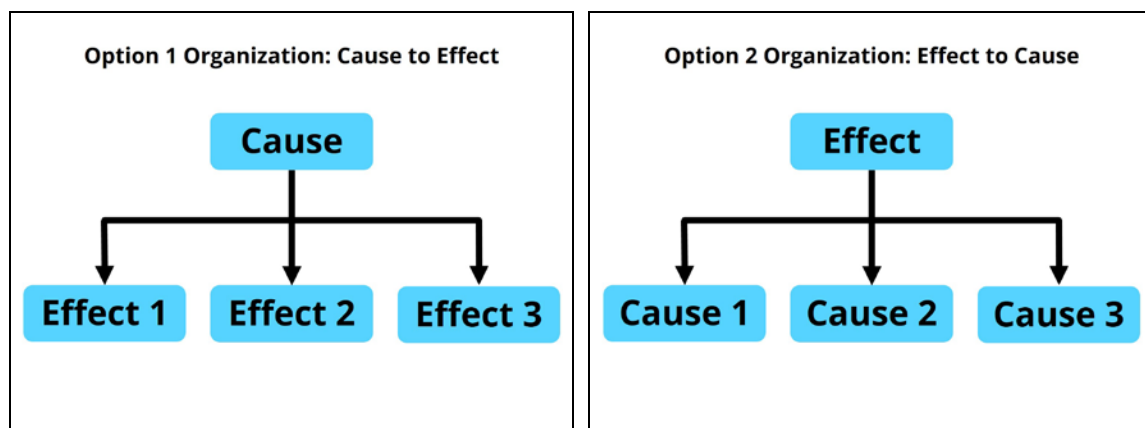
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Cause 3

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Analysis

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Option 1 Organization: Definition Analysis

- Introduce Term and Definition
- ↓
- Explain Characteristics
 - Characteristic 1
 - Characteristic 2
 - Characteristic 3

Option 2 Organization: Parts Analysis

- Introduce Subject
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How-To

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Option 1 Organization: Single Linear Task

The diagram shows a linear flow from left to right. It starts with a box labeled 'Background Information', followed by an arrow pointing to a box labeled 'Materials Needed'. Below 'Materials Needed' are three stacked boxes: 'Item 1', 'Item 2', and 'Item 3'. An arrow then points from 'Materials Needed' to a box labeled 'Instructions'. Below 'Instructions' are three stacked boxes: 'Step 1', 'Step 2', and 'Step 3'. A magnifying glass icon is located at the bottom left of the diagram.

Option 2 Organization: Nonlinear Process

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