

Organizational Patterns

Methods of Development

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Organizational Patterns...

(Methods of Development)

- ...are vehicles or structures for presenting a message.
- ...are details in support of a main idea and are organized in patterns.

Why identify organizational patterns?

- Because they signal how facts will be presented.
- Because they are blueprints for you to use while reading.
- Because it allows you to predict the format of upcoming information.

How to identify Organizational Patterns

- **Main Idea**
 - Figuring out the Main Idea will help you identify the Organizational Pattern (s) and vice versa...understanding the pattern will help you better understand the main idea. :)
- **Signal Words (Transition Words)**
 - Connect parts of sentences and lead readers to anticipate continuation or change in the writer's thoughts.

Organizational Patterns & their Signal Words:

- Review Organizational Patterns in your textbook.