



SIGNAL WORDS

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Description Nonfiction Text Structure (main idea and details)



This is a list of some commonly used words authors use to signal Description Nonfiction Text Structure. It is the structure that authors use when they want to describe characteristics, features, attributes, or examples of a person, place, thing, or idea.

When you begin looking for these words as you read, you will notice they signal descriptions about key concepts or ideas that the author is writing about.

You may want to consider using these words in your own writing or speaking when you want to describe something, someone, or somewhere.

Description			
above	down	is like	tastes like
across	feels like	looks like	to begin with
along	for example	near	to illustrate
also	for instance	on top of	to the right/left
appears to be	furthermore	onto	under
as in	in addition	outside	
behind	in back of	over	Also lists of:
below	in front of	smells like	attributes
beside	in particular	sounds like	characteristics
between	including	specifically	examples
characteristics of	is a feature of	such as	features