



## Text Connections and Structure

### Today's Standard

3.RI.8 - Describe the logical connection between particular sentences and paragraphs in a text (e.g., comparison, cause/effect, first/second/third in a sequence).

### Real-World Applications for this Standard

Identifying cause and effect in a news article; Comparing and contrasting two informational texts; Sequencing steps in a recipe or instructions; Explaining the structure of a science experiment

### Today I Learned

Today, we learned how sentences and paragraphs in a text connect to each other. For example, one sentence might explain why something happened (cause), and the next sentence might explain what happened because of it (effect).

### Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids might think all sentences in a paragraph are the same, but they have different jobs. Another tricky part is understanding that the order of sentences and paragraphs is important and not random.

### Quiz Me

- What is a main idea?
- What does a topic sentence do?
- What are supporting details?
- How do sentences connect in a text?
- Why is the order of sentences important?

### Help Me

Understanding how sentences and paragraphs connect helps us understand stories and information better. For example, when reading a recipe, knowing the order of steps is important so we can follow it correctly.