

Organizational Patterns - These are ways writers choose to set-up their information in an attempt to make it easier for the reader to comprehend. The other reason they use organizational patterns is to avoid losing the reader's attention due to chaotic information.

1. **Chronological Order** - The writer organizes all of the information from first to last in the order that things actually happened.

2. **Order of Importance** - There are two ways that a writer can use this. They can set up their text like...

1. main idea
2. most important detail
3. next most important detail
4. least important detail

OR...

1. least important detail
2. more important detail
3. most important detail
4. main idea

3. **Classification Order** - The writer separates groups and/or categories to organize the information.

4. **Location Order** - The writer moves from one space to the next or from one location to another. The reader follows the information from place to place, like a voyage.

5. **Cause-Effect Order** - The writer either describes a problem for the reader and then offers a solution, or he/she gives a solution and then explains the problem being solved. The writer can show an effect and then what caused it, or a cause and what it effects.

6. **Compare and Contrast Order** - The writer presents the reader with similarities and differences about multiple people, places or things.