English Language Intensive Programme

Text Structure and Language Features: Examples 1 and 2

Text Structure - Polite enquive requests

Opening	
Teacher:	Good morning Ahmed.
Response	
Student:	Good morning Ms/ Sir.
Initiation	
Teacher:	How are you?
Response/ initiation	
Student:	Fine thanks and you?
Response	
Teacher:	Very well thank you.
Closing	
Student:	Bye Ms/Sir.
Response/closure	
Teacher:	Bye Ahmed.

Language Features
Use of greetings, e.g. Good morning.

Use of proper nouns to identify people, e.g. Ahmed

Use of 'wh' questions, e.g. How are you?

Use of ellipsis typical of responses in casual conversations, e.g. Fine thanks. (not I'm fine thanks.)

Use of closures, e.g. Bye.

Text Structure - Demand for action

Initiation	
Teacher:	Open your books and write the date.
Response	(Non verbal; students respond, opening books, writing date.)

Language Features
Use of imperatives to initiate response, e.g. open, write