

Text Structure and Language Features: Examples 1 and 2

Text Structure - Request for information

<b>Initiation</b>	
Teacher:	Do you play sport at the weekend or after school?
<b>Response</b>	
Student:	Yes Ms.
<b>Initiation</b>	
Teacher:	What sport do you play?
<b>Response</b>	
Student:	Soccer.
<b>Initiation</b>	
Teacher:	Do you like soccer best?
<b>Response/inform</b>	
Student:	Yes but I like basketball too.

Language Features

Use of questions, e.g. Do you play sport? What sport do you play?

Use of verbal contractions, eg. I'm

Use of ellipsis typical of responses in casual conversations, e.g. Soccer. (not I play soccer.)

Use of simple conjunctions, e.g. but

Text Structure - Request for information

<b>Opening/initiation</b>	
Teacher:	Maria, are you going to swim school next week?
<b>Response</b>	
Student:	Yes Ms.
<b>Initiation</b>	
Teacher:	Do you like to swim? (swimming)?
<b>Response</b>	
Student:	No I'm scared.
<b>Initiation</b>	
Teacher:	Don't worry. It'll be OK. You'll learn a lot.