

Text Structure and Language Features: Example 2

Note: This is not the text structure for a science experiment report. This is only the part known as method.

Text Structure - Procedure

Goal or aim

Equipment/apparatus

Steps to accomplish goal

GROWING A BEAN SEED IN COTTON WOOL

Equipment:

Clear dish, cotton wool, six white bean seeds, water

Method:

1. Choose six good, white, smooth, hard bean seeds.
2. Measure the length, width and depth of one seed.
3. Place some cotton wool onto a dish.
4. Put the seeds in a circle on the cotton wool.
5. Add some water until the cotton wool is damp.
6. Draw the seeds on the cotton wool and label.
7. Place the dish on the bench near the window.

Language Features

Use of nouns and noun groups, e.g. six white bean seeds, clear dish

Use of definite article to specify a particular noun e.g. the seeds, the cotton wool

Use of commands, e.g. choose, measure, place

Use of action verbs, e.g. add, draw

Use of adverbial phrases to locate, e.g. onto a dish, on the cotton wool

Use of technical language to build up the field, e.g. cotton wool, bean seed