Text Structure and Language Features: Examples 1 and 2

Text Structure - Polite enquiry requests

Opening

Good morning Ahmed. Teacher:

2. can understand and respond to a simple request

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

Bye Ahmed. Teacher:

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. (Non verbal; students respond, Response

opening books, writing date.)

Language Features

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