

Text Structure and Language Features: Examples 1 and 2

Text Structure - Request for information

Initiation	Teacher:	Do you play sport at the weekend or after school?
Response	Student:	Yes Ms.
Initiation	Teacher:	What sport do you play?
Response	Student:	Soccer.
Initiation	Teacher:	Do you like soccer best?
Response/inform	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

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