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