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Nonfiction Text Structure in Melissa Stewart's Books

Nonfiction authors use different kinds of text structures to shape their books. Some common examples are cause and effect, fact and opinion, and compare and contrast. Author Melissa Stewart has written books with all of these structures. Read the excerpts below and write the appropriate text structure next to each excerpt.

Example: When people work to restore wild places, frogs can live and grow.

Text structure: cause and effect

1. A toad has dry, bumpy skin. A frog has wet, slimy skin.

Text structure: _____

2. When people protect ponds, frogs can live and grow.

Text structure: _____

3. When people clean up natural areas, frogs can live and grow.

Text structure: _____

4. Do the world's oceans really contain ten million tons of gold? Nope. Believe it or not, nearly 20 million tons of gold are floating in the world's salty seas.

Text structure: _____

5. A frog has a long, thin body. A toad has a fat, round body.

Text structure: _____

6. Are there really millions of tiny creatures living under your bed? You bet. Just one ounce of dust can contain more than twelve thousand tiny dust mites.

Text structure: _____

7. A female frog lays eggs in clumps. A female toad lays eggs in long chains.

Text structure: _____

Answer Key:

1. Compare and contrast (from ***Frog or Toad? How Do You Know?*** (Enslow, 2011), pp. 6 &7, ISBN HC 978-076603-682-6, PB 978-159845-236-5)
2. Cause and effect (from ***A Place for Frogs*** (Peachtree, 2010), Houston toad page, ISBN 978-1-56145-521-8)
3. Cause and effect (from ***A Place for Frogs*** (Peachtree, 2010), Puerto Rican rock frog page, ISBN 978-1-56145-521-8)
4. Fact and opinion (from ***Is the Bermuda Triangle Really a Dangerous Place? And Other Questions about the Ocean*** (Lerner, 2011), p. 5, ISBN 978-076136-097-1)
5. Compare and contrast (from ***Frog or Toad? How Do You Know?*** (Enslow, 2011), pp. 10 &12, ISBN HC 978-076603-682-6, PB 978-159845-236-5)
6. Fact and opinion (from ***Do People Really Have Tiny Insects Living in Their Eyelashes? And Other Questions about the Microscopic World*** (Lerner, 2011), p. 10, ISBN 978-0-76134-916-7)
7. Compare and contrast (from ***Frog or Toad? How Do You Know?*** (Enslow, 2011) pp. 16 &17 ISBN HC 978-076603-682-6, PB 978-159845-236-5)