

**Nonfiction Text Structures**

The Vancouver Island marmot is a kind of large rodent that lives high in the mountains of Vancouver Island in Canada. Climate change and logging have caused a large decrease in their population. Scientists believe that there are less than a hundred of them left in the wild.

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- a. compare and contrast
- b. description
- c. cause and effect
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I do my chores each Saturday. First, I fold the laundry and put it away. Then I sweep and mop the kitchen floor. After that, I empty all the garbage cans and the recycling. Finally, when all of my chores are finished, I can go outside to play.

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Did you know that not all deserts are hot? Both hot and cold deserts are very dry, but unlike hot deserts, cold deserts have long winters when the temperatures can reach below freezing. Cold deserts also get a great deal of snow, which is certainly not true for hot deserts.

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Spending too much time in the sun can lead to sunburn, dehydration, and even skin cancer. One way to help prevent these problems is to make sure that you wear sunscreen whenever you are outside. It is also a good idea to avoid being outside during the hottest part of the day, between 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM.

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The Space Needle was built in 1962 in Seattle, Washington for the World's Fair. It is 605 feet tall (184 m) from the ground to the aircraft warning beacon at the very top. Visitors can ride an elevator to the observation deck at 520 (158 m) feet. They can also dine in a revolving restaurant near the top of the needle.

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Malaria is a serious problem in many developing countries. Thousands of people get sick with Malaria every year. Because Malaria is spread by mosquitoes, one way to help solve the problem is for people to use mosquito nets over their beds. If the mosquitoes cannot get to the people, they cannot infect them!

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To make a yummy smoothie, first put some milk into a blender. Then add a banana and some frozen berries such as strawberries and blueberries. You may also want to add some grapes. Next, turn your blender to its lowest setting and gradually increase the speed until everything is blended. Then pour it into a glass and enjoy!

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Electricity can flow through some kinds of materials, but not through others. Materials that electricity can flow through are called conductors. Metal and water are both conductors. By contrast, materials that electricity cannot flow through are called insulators. Plastic, glass, fabric, and wood are all insulators.

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Beagles are medium-sized members of the hound family. Beagles generally make good pets because they are intelligent, good-natured, and good with children. Beagles are also quite playful and need a great deal of exercise.

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Today more people are connected to the internet than ever before, not only at home, but also on mobile devices such as smartphones and tablets. Many of these people now get their news from the internet rather than reading newspapers. As a consequence, many newspapers have gone out of business.

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When a family of beavers wants to construct a dam across a river, they begin by using their teeth to cut down trees. Then they drag the trees to the river where they construct the dam from the bottom up. They continue to add more trees, branches, and mud until the top of the dam is above the water.

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Do you ever forget to bring your completed homework to school? This can be so frustrating when you know you did your homework, but it won't count since you can't turn it in on time. One way to prevent this issue is to put your homework in your backpack as soon as you finish it. Another solution is to leave yourself a note on the door.

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President Barack Obama was born in Hawaii on August 4, 1961. He graduated from high school in 1979. After attending college at Harvard, he married Michelle Robinson in 1992. Obama became an Illinois senator in 1997 and on January 20, 2009, he became the 44th president of the United States of America.

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Some trees are conifers while others are deciduous. Deciduous trees have broad leaves, which they lose each autumn. Maple, oak, and elm trees are deciduous. Conifers, on the other hand, usually have thin, narrow leaves called needles. Pine, fir, cedar, and other conifers do not lose their leaves in the fall.

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At 4,160 miles (6,670 km), the Nile River in Africa is the longest river in the world. It begins in Lake Victoria in Central Africa and flows through five countries before emptying into the Mediterranean Sea. The Nile is an important source of water for the people who live near its banks.

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In America, more people are eating fast food than ever before. Fast food, such as cheese burgers, chicken nuggets, tacos, and French fries are high in calories and fat. All of this fast food is one reason that over a third of Americans are overweight.

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