

INFORMATIONAL TEXT STRUCTURES

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Informational Text Structures **PROBLEM & SOLUTION**



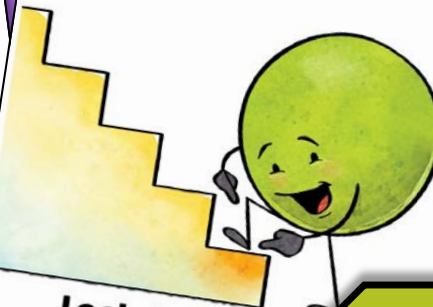
SIGNAL WORDS
problem, issue,
since, as a result,
solution, idea, so,
leads to, causes

TIPS

Ask yourself: What
the problem and
what is the solution?

Look for the problem first
then the solution.

Informational Text Structures **SEQUENCE**



SIGNAL WORDS
first, second, third,
then, next, before,
after, finally,
following

TIPS

Look for steps
references to time
as dates.

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Description	Problem & Solution	Compare & Contrast	Cause & Effect	Sequence
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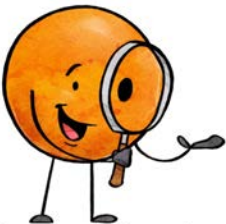
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Informational Text Structures DESCRIPTION




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TIPS
Ask yourself: What specific person, place, thing, or idea is being described?

Look for a topic word or phrase and for synonyms.

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Informational Text Structures COMPARE & CONTRAST




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TIPS
Ask yourself: What is being compared?

How are they the same? How are they different?

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Informational Text Structures CAUSE & EFFECT



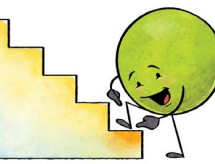
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TIPS
Ask yourself: What happened and why did it happen?

Remember, you are looking for a cause, not a solution.

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Informational Text Structures SEQUENCE



SIGNAL WORDS
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TIPS
Ask yourself: Is this event taking place over time?

Look for steps or references to time, such as dates.

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Informational Text Structures
Compare & Contrast



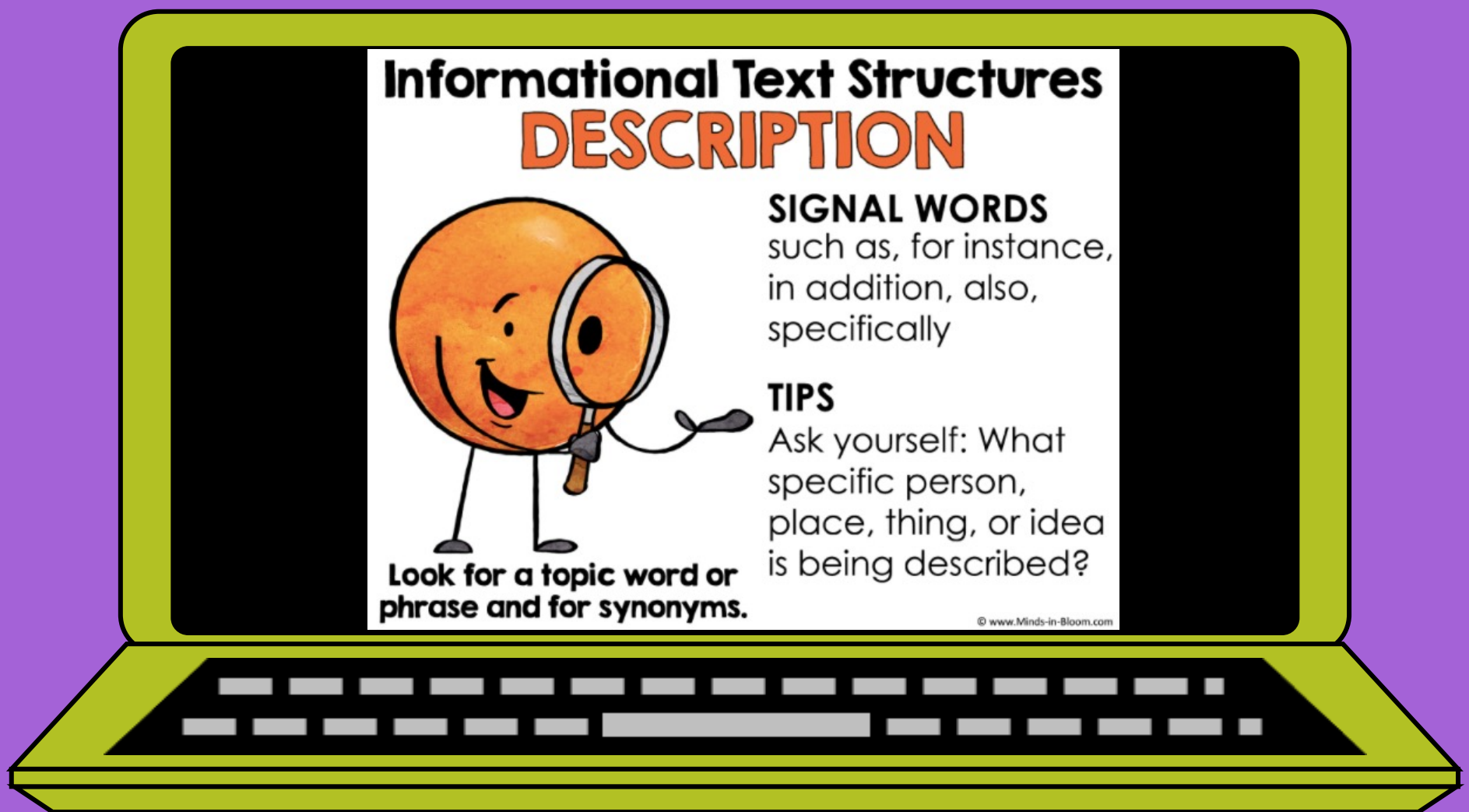
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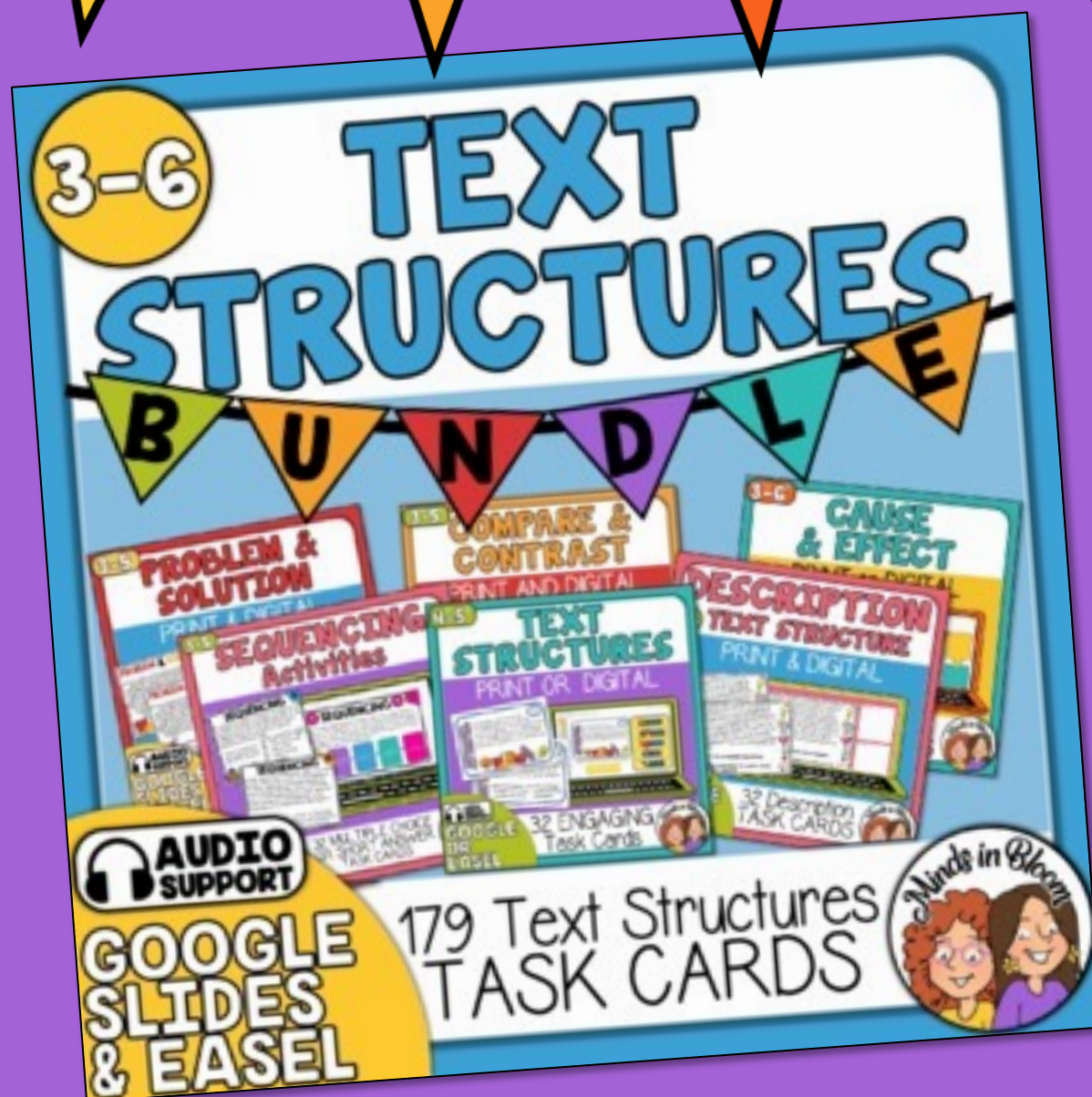
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