

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

Materials/equipment

Steps to accomplish goal

TO MAKE A MODEL OF A CELL

Materials/equipment:

Jelly crystals	one cup of cold water
A little boiling water	gelatine
Licorice disk	jelly beans
Plastic bag	tie wrap
Measuring cup	dish

Method

1. Dissolve the jelly crystals in a dish in a little boiling water.
2. Add one cup of cold water.
3. Add a teaspoon of gelatine.
4. Pour the jelly into a plastic bag.
5. Put in the nucleus (a liquorice disk).
6. Put in jellybeans for vacuoles (store houses).
7. Tie the plastic bag with a tie wrap.
8. Put in the refrigerator.

Language Features

Use of nouns and noun groups, e.g. a little boiling water, dish

Use of commands, e.g. add, dissolve, pour (Note that these are the first element of the clause, i.e. they are in the position of grammatical theme)

Use of action verbs, e.g. put, tie

Use of adverbial phrases, e.g. in a dish, into a plastic bag

Use of technical language to build up the field, e.g. vacuoles, nucleus