

Text Structure and Language Features: Example 1

**Note:** This is not the text structure for a science experiment report. This is only the part known as method.

Text Structure - Procedure

STALACTITES

Language Features

Goal or aim

**Aim:**  
To make your own stalactites.

Use of nouns and noun groups, e.g. glass jars, woollen thread - technical e.g. stalactites general e.g. saucer

Materials and equipment

**Equipment:**  
Two glass jars, woollen thread, washing soda, warm water, saucer.

Use of commands, e.g. dissolve, fix, twist

Steps to accomplish goal

**Method:**

1. Fill the two jars with very warm water.
2. Dissolve as much washing soda in each one as you can.
3. Place the two jars in a warm place and put a saucer between them.
4. Twist several strands of woollen thread together.
5. Fix one end of the thread in each jar and let it hang down above the saucer.  
The two solutions should move along the thread until they reach the middle and then drip onto the saucer.
6. Leave the jars in place for several days.

Use of personal pronoun (second person) as direct address to the reader i.e. you, your

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

Use of adverbial phrases to locate, e.g. along the thread, in each jar

Use of technical language to build up the field, e.g. dissolve, evaporates, stalactites

Observation

As the water evaporates, a column of crystals forms. Tiny stalactites and stalagmites will grow in the centre of the wool.