


Group Practice:

***For this practice, place your students into groups of 3-5 students. Give each group a copy of the following five paragraphs. Have each group classify each paragraph as either *chronological/sequence*, *cause and effect*, *problem and solution*, *compare and contrast*, or *description*. The words written in red below the paragraphs are for teachers only. Do not include with the paragraphs.**


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Practice Paragraphs


Willow Creek is very different from New York City. There are no tall skyscrapers in Willow Creek. All you can see are fields and sky. Instead of taxicab horns and fire truck sirens, it is so quiet at night that you can hear the crickets chirping. In New York, you may bump into someone with every step that you take, but in Willow Creek you may walk miles before seeing another person or house.



An atoll is an island in the ocean formed by a ring of coral. It can take as long as 30 million years for a coral atoll to form. First, far out in the ocean a volcano erupts and creates an island. Coral reefs grow up around the island. Then, weather and other reasons cause the volcano to sink. The reefs that surrounded it are left behind. The water inside the reef is called a lagoon. The volcano completely disappears. Sand collects on top of the coral and creates islands called atolls. Finally, Plants and animals settle on the larger islands.



Every spring, shortly after the tulips bloom, farmers in Holland go through the tulip fields and cut the blooms off the tulips. This seems strange, because it leaves a field full of green stems. However, it makes the colorful tulip blooms grow back even bigger and stronger later that spring.



The first people known to enjoy chocolate were the Aztec Indians in Mexico. Aztec people, especially the kings, enjoyed a drink they called "chocolatl," the original hot chocolate. After visiting Mexico in 1519, the Spanish explorer Hernando Cortez brought chocolate back to Spain for the Spanish royal families to enjoy. Hundreds of years later, chocolate was made and sold in stores in Europe. Today the sweet, rich treat is enjoyed around the world.

