

Text Structure and Language Features: Examples 1, 2 and 3

Text Structure - Request for goods

<b>Opening</b>	
Student 1:	Excuse me Zoran.
<b>Response</b>	
Student 2:	Yes.
<b>Initiation</b>	
Student 1:	Can I borrow your ruler?
<b>Response</b>	
Student 2:	Yes, OK.
<b>Feedback</b>	
Student 1:	Thanks.

Language Features

- Use of polite openings, e.g. Excuse me.
- Use of questions, e.g. Can I borrow your ruler?
- Use of ellipsis typical of responses in casual conversations, e.g. Yes. (not Yes you can borrow my ruler.)
- Use of polite closures, e.g. Thanks

Text Structure - Request for information

<b>Opening/initiation</b>	
Student:	Excuse me Mr. White, where's D4?
<b>Response</b>	
Teacher:	Go down the end of the corridor, (teacher gestures) then turn left. It's the first door.
<b>Feedback</b>	
Teacher:	OK?
<b>Initiation</b>	
Student:	Again please Sir.
<b>Response</b>	
Teacher:	Repeats directions slowly.

Language Features

- Use of polite openings, e.g. Excuse me.
- Use of questions, e.g. Where's D4?
- Use of imperatives, e.g. Go down the end, turn left.
- Use of ellipsis typical of responses in casual conversations, e.g. OK? (not Is that OK?)
- Use of repetition for clarification

Text Structure - Request for information

<b>Initiation</b>	
Teacher:	Zoran, why are you late?
<b>Response</b>	
Student:	I missed the bus Sir.
<b>Initiation</b>	
Teacher:	Have you got a note from the office?
<b>Response</b>	
Student:	No, Sir.
<b>Initiation</b>	
Teacher:	Well, go and get one from the office please.
<b>Feedback</b>	
Student:	OK, Sir.

Language Features

- Use of proper nouns for opening, e.g. Zoran
- Use of questions, e.g. Why are you late? Have you got a note?
- Use of ellipsis typical of responses in casual conversations, e.g. No. (not No, I haven't got one, Sir)
- Use of imperatives, e.g. Go and get one.
- Use of polite closures, e.g. OK, Sir.